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States

Nightclub fire: A California judge has dismissed a \$10 million slander lawsuit filed against a former publicist for the rock band Great White, whose pyrotechnics caused The Station nightclub fire in Rhode Island.

Great White's lead singer, Jack Russell, had sued the publicist, Charrie Foglio, for saying he and the band's manager embezzled money raised during a benefit concert tour for those affected by the deadly blaze.

Truck bodies case: The driver of a tractor-trailer in the nation's deadliest smuggling attempt was an inexperienced pawn of a smuggling ring who didn't know 17 immigrants were dying in the airless truck, the defense said in closing arguments.

Tyrone Williams' lawyer said Friday that his client didn't speak Spanish and couldn't hear the immigrants banging on the walls to get out.

The immigrants died after succumbing to the heat in the sweltering trailer.

Michael Jackson trial: Michael Jackson's lawyers will be allowed to question witnesses about allegations that the boy accusing the singer of molestation once claimed comedian George Lopez stole \$300 from his wallet.

Defense attorneys have tried to raise the matter during Jackson's trial, but have been blocked by objections that Superior Court Judge Rodney Melville has upheld. After reviewing reports about the incident, Melville said Friday he would allow questions.

Stepfather rape: An Ohio woman whose stepfather was convicted of impregnating her with a syringe was awarded more than \$4.3 million in damages Friday.

A Summit County, Ohio, jury ruled that John Goff, 43, is liable for more than \$3.3 million in compensatory damages and \$750,000 in punitive damages. Goff is serving a 20-year prison sentence after being convicted in 2002 of rape, sexual battery and child endangerment.

The jury also ordered Akron (Ohio) City Hospital to pay \$224,000 in damages to Shenna Grimm, 22, of Kent.

Nuclear lab management: Members of Congress on Friday again criticized the University of California for its management of Los Alamos National Laboratory, saying the university should bear at least some of the financial burden of a recent lengthy shutdown at the UC-run nuclear weapons facility.

Los Alamos was the main focus of a hear-



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Motorcycle safety: Wendel Dunn, left, explains the obstacle course to motorcycle riders during a motorcycle safety course taught by Japanese police — the first time such a course has been offered at Naval Air Facility Atsugi.

ing on security at the nation's nuclear sites, held Friday by the investigations panel of the House Energy and Commerce Committee.

Farmers' market crash: A judge Friday refused to dismiss manslaughter charges against an 88-year-old man whose car barreled through a farmers' market in Santa Monica, Calif., killing 10 people and injuring 63.

Lawyers for George Russell Weller argued that he was not grossly negligent, but simply panicked when he stepped on the gas instead of the brake.

Bush book lawsuit: A freelance writer has asked a court to dismiss his \$5 million lawsuit accusing author Kitty Kelley of plagiarism in her best-selling book about President Bush and his family.

Glynn Wilson said Friday that he decided to drop the suit, filed in November, because he feared that U.S. District Judge U.W. Clemon was about to rule that copyright law didn't cover his story on the Internet about Bush's days in Alabama when he was in the National Guard in the early 1970s.

Clinton's pardons: The Bush administration blacked out almost all the information in hundreds of documents before releasing them to a conservative organization looking

into President Clinton's controversial pardons four years ago.

The only items not deleted from the material are the names of the person who wrote the document and the person it was sent to.

Business

WorldCom scandal: Eleven former board members of WorldCom Inc. have agreed to pay \$20.25 million of their own money to settle a lawsuit by former investors in the company, New York State Comptroller Alan Hevesi said Friday.

The deal follows a federal judge's preliminary approval of another plan under which JPMorgan Chase & Co. will pay \$2 billion to settle a class-action lawsuit brought by former WorldCom investors.

A judge must still approve the settlement at a hearing expected next week.

World

Recovering pope: Pope John Paul II's doctors are optimistic about his health, an Italian cardinal who is a top Vatican official was quoted as saying Saturday.

"The Holy Father is hanging in there, hanging in there," Cardinal Giovanni Battista Re told journalists, the Italian news agency ANSA reported from the southern Italian city of Campobasso.

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USFJ leader discusses regional priorities

By T.D. FLACK
Stars and Stripes

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — Lt. Gen. Bruce A. Wright, commander of U.S. Forces Japan, and 5th Air Force, discussed regional concerns, from the realignment of U.S. military forces to the North Korean threat, during a roundtable discussion at his headquarters building Friday afternoon.

For months, as Washington and Tokyo have negotiated on troop realignments in the region, local media outlets have speculated about everything from a reduction in U.S. Marines on Okinawa to the movement of the U.S. Army's 1 Corps from Fort Lewis, Wash., to Camp Zama, Japan.

"There are multiple opportunities to improve the strength of the alliance within the realignment," Wright said. "My objective ... is to ensure that the operational credibility, the operational capability and the deterrent credibility of the alliance remains intact as we

work very hard to address specific realignment opportunities."

Working with Japan

Wright released few specifics but stressed that a top priority would be to build on "joint, bilateral interoperability," meaning all branches of the U.S. services working with the Japan Self-Defense Forces with "U.S. Forces Japan trying to help that along."

Wright stressed that rapid dissemination of information — "information superiority" — is one of his first objectives.

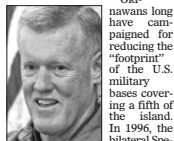
"I would tell you right up front that my focus [is] on improved information sharing and command and control," he said.

Futenma relocation

Wright also said USFJ faces very important logistical and operational considerations with realignment planning.

Regarding the issue of relocat-

ing Marine Corps Air Station Futenma, Okinawa's crowded Ginowan district, Wright said it's important that USFJ "retain the capability of Futenma."



Wright

on Okinawa (SACO) adopted a plan to close some bases and consolidate others, reducing land they occupy by 21 percent. Part of the plan included closing Futenma within seven years if an alternate site could be found. After years of political wrangling, a site

was chosen in waters off Okinawa's northeast coast at Henoko, next to Camp Schwab.

"We need to keep working on addressing the impact of Futenma (on the local people) while maintaining the ... very important operational capability of Futenma," Wright said.

"It's a difficult challenge but ... there's no doubt working closely with the Okinawan government and the Okinawan people we can get to the right answer."

I Corps move

Wright addressed speculation that the Army's 1 Corps is moving here.

"We're going down a path to look very hard at the relocation of 1 Corps to (Camp) Zama but I think it's pretty well known that we cannot increase the footprint here or the size of U.S. Forces in total," in Japan, Wright said.

"So we've got some work to do, with the government of Japan, to

define the best way ahead for 1 Corps and the role and mission for 1 Corps once they are here."

North Korea concerns

As the senior U.S. military commander in the region, Wright said he also is worried about North Korea.

North Korea's military capabilities are "a concern to me as a professional military member and a senior military leader in this region. I think we have to watch North Korea very, very closely."

Wright said North Korea is another reason the U.S. Japan Security Alliance is so important.

"I would reiterate that there's huge value in this alliance for America and certainly for Japan. Stability in this part of the world is important not just to this region ... but is important to the world," he said.

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Lt. Cmdr. Julie Milburn from Midwest City, Okla., a family nurse practitioner, holds Sean on Joshua Houston from Syracuse, N.Y., while Seaman Vincent Falsetta from Cape Coral, Fla., positions a C-collar neck brace Wednesday during a mass casualty drill onboard Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan. The U.S. Naval Hospital at Yokosuka conducted a simulated earthquake mass casualty drill to test the readiness of the hospital and emergency rescue teams.

U.S., South Korean navies testing skills in joint operation Foa Eagle

By JULIANA GITTLER
Stars and Stripes

ABOARD USS KITTY HAWK — Over the next several days, thousands of sailors from eight U.S. Navy ships and about as many South Korean ships will test their skills through more than 100 operations as part of the Foa Eagle training exercise.

The training tests the two countries' ability to mutually defend South Korea from a hypothetical enemy. Like most bilateral exercises, they practice communication and command and control.

Foa Eagle, held off the South Korean coast, also tests maneuvering, air and sea operations and smaller defense operations such as port and shipping security.

The exercise is concurrent with the U.S. Forces Korea command post exercise Reception, Staging, Onward Movement & Integration (RSOI).

More than 7,000 U.S. sailors primarily from Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan-based ships augmented by visiting naval reservists participate with South Korean navy and marine forces for Foa Eagle.

"Anytime we have an opportunity to get together with our bilateral partners like South Korea, it helps a lot," said Cmdr. Andrew Turner, Carrier Strike Group 5 exercise officer.

The two nations have practiced mutual defense for years. But as technology and strategies develop, they need ways to practice certain skills.

"A lot of things have changed over 50 years in terms of how we do business," Turner said.

Foa Eagle is a field exercise composed of a series of real-life operations, Turner said. It's the largest Navy exercise with South Korea and one of the largest in the 7th Fleet.

"There are a lot of little pieces and a lot of big pieces to this

N. Korea denounces exercises

By JOSEPH GORDONO
Stars and Stripes

SEOUL — As the United States and South Korea kick off joint exercises this weekend, North Korea said the military moves put the countries closer to "real war."

The North, which regularly denounces military drills such as Foa Eagle and the Reception, Staging, Onward Movement and Integration (RSOI) exercises, particularly "flamed" the presence of the USS Kitty Hawk, a Japan-based carrier that anchored at Pusan on Monday.

The port visits by the Kitty Hawk and several escorts was tantamount to "leveling a gun at its dialogue partner," the North's official Korea Central News Agency reported Friday.

"At a time when the situation is growing tension over the nuclear

issue, the United States has sent this notorious flotilla to south Korean ports ... this is another open military blackmail against an intolerable provocation. The current developments are evidently a prelude to a war against the north."

Earlier last week, the North vowed to increase its "nuclear deterrent" force — calling it "a treasured sword and shield for defending [the] peace of the country" — in the wake of the exercise.

The exercise includes thousands of U.S. forces from both on and off the peninsula. U.S. officials have repeatedly described it as "defense oriented."

The exercise includes Stryker armored vehicles, a beach landing and movement of troops and equipment to various points on the peninsula.

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thing," Turner said. "We selectively pick certain missions that we want to practice."

There is no scenario, like a war game. The drills include maneuvering a large group of ships from both nations together in one area of water, protecting commercial ships with port security and escorts and practicing airstrikes over land by Carrier Air Wing 5, part of the strike group.

Foa Eagle also allows the two countries' military leaders to work together. Liaison officers from both countries work aboard each other's ships and this year a South Korean admiral will command from aboard the Kitty Hawk during the exercise.

The training is a fundamental part of the Forward Deployed Naval Forces, the Navy's over-

seas presence, particularly in the region, Turner said. Although the enemy is hypothetical, South Korea technically remains at war with North Korea. And South Korea's role as a major trading partner with the United States, protecting the seas for security and shipping is integral.

For sailors, the exercise offers a wide variety of training opportunities.

"Every ship is going to be involved in some part of the exercise," Turner said.

Participants include the Kitty Hawk, Strike Group 5, Carrier Air Wing 5, six ships from Destroyer Squadron 15 and the USS Cowpens. The exercise began Saturday and runs through Friday, Turner said.

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After 2 years, where does Iraq stand?

Analysts: Troop withdrawal hangs on establishing new government, better economy and Iraqi security

BY RICHARD WHITTLE

The Dallas Morning News

WASHINGTON — A week after U.S. troops invaded Iraq, as sand storms and attacks by fanatical paramilitaries threatened supply lines and inflicted casualties, the commander of the 101st Airborne Division betrayed misgivings.

"Tell me how this ends," Maj. Gen. David Petraeus challenged a Washington Post reporter embedded with his unit.

Two years after the conflict began on March 19, 2003, no one yet knows the answer.

More than 1,500 U.S. service members have died and more than 11,500 have been wounded since the war began.

Nearly 150,000 U.S. troops are still in the country.

"This is probably a decade-long process," judged Sen. Jack Reed, D-R.I., a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee and a former Army Ranger.

The "natural lifespan" of most insurgencies is roughly eight to 15 years, said Steven Metz, a counterinsurgency expert at the U.S. Army War College. But "I would fully expect within two years for the U.S. (troops) to be almost exclusively in an advisory role," he said.

President Bush and other key officials avoid such forecasts.

"Our troops will come home when Iraq is capable of defending herself," the president told a news conference Wednesday.

If opinions vary on when the troops might be withdrawn, most analysts agree that the answer depends on how long it takes to do three things:

- Establish a new government.
- Resuscitate the economy.
- Train sufficient Iraqi security forces to replace U.S. troops.

Here's a look at where things stand on the war's second anniversary:

A new government

"We're making progress in helping Iraq develop a democracy," Bush said in January. Four days later, millions of Iraqis braved insurgent threats and went to the polls to elect a national assembly. Joyously, defiantly, many waved ink-stained fingers in the air to show that they'd voted.

A poll conducted between Feb. 7 and March 5, found that 61.5 percent of 2,200 Iraqis surveyed in 15 of the country's 18 provinces felt their country was "headed in the right direction," reports the International Republican Institute.

Bush and others have been celebrating the Iraqis' enthusiasm for democracy ever since the election. But much remains to be done to reach the goal of a firmly rooted democratic government.

The 275-member Transitional National Assembly convened for the first time in Baghdad on Wednesday. In coming weeks it is to elect a speaker, a prime minister and a three-member presidency council. By Aug. 15, it is to write a constitution, then submit it to a popular referendum by October.

Reviving the economy

Iraq's economy — distorted by 30 years of dictatorship, three wars and 10 years of U.N. economic sanctions — remains devastated and little progress has been made in rebuilding it.

Congress voted \$18.4 billion for reconstruction in November 2003, but 16 months later, less than \$4 billion has been spent.

"The insurgency makes it very difficult to accomplish much," noted James Placke, a Mideast expert with Cambridge Energy Research Associates. U.S. and Iraqi authorities had hoped the country's electric grid would be producing 6,000 megawatts daily by last July 1. So far in March, the level was 3,408 megawatts.

U.S. reconstruction officials said at the Pentagon recently that while they have begun hundreds of new projects since the Jan. 30 elections, much of the money has gone for security — fences, guards, armored cars and the like.

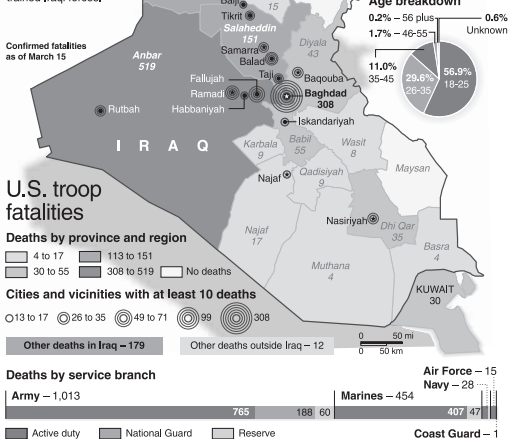
Meanwhile, inflation is raging at 31 percent and unemployment is somewhere between 28 and 40 percent, according to the nonpartisan Brookings Institution.

Building security forces

Anthony Cordesman of the Center for Strategic and International Studies said in testimony to a House subcommittee last week that the job of establishing new security forces got off to a slow start because of the "failure" of U.S. officials to anticipate the insurgency.

Breakdown of war dead

March 20 marks the two-year anniversary of the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq. More than 1,500 U.S. troops and over 170 international troops have died in the conflict. Far more Iraqis have been killed although no comprehensive figures exist. It can be difficult to differentiate innocent civilians from legitimate combatants, and the dead are often buried quickly without proper accounting by authorities. Some estimates may also include insurgents and coalition-trained Iraqi forces.



SOURCES: Associated Press reporting; Brookings Institution; U.S. Census Bureau

Carrie Osgood • AP

And in a February report on Iraq's security forces, Cordesman wrote that they had been hampered by low morale, infiltration and intimidation by insurgents, cowardice and inexperienced leadership.

But he added that much progress has been made since last summer, when the task of training and equipping most of Iraq's forces was assigned to now Lt. Gen. Petraeus, who won his third star after spending a year in Iraq leading the 101st Airborne.

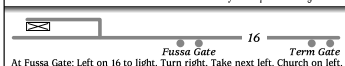
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Army ups max age for reserve recruits

BY JON R. ANDERSON

Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. — Battling recruiting and retention shortfalls among its part-time soldiers, the Army is launching a new experimental policy approving the acceptance of not-so-young recruits into the ranks of the Army National Guard and Reserve.

Dubbed a three-year "test," the new policy will bump up the maximum age for new enlistments from 34 to 39, according to an Army announcement.

The policy applies to both men and women joining the military for the first time. The older recruits will be eligible for the same enlistment bonuses and other incentives as younger volunteers, according to the announcement. Those with prior service experience interested in reserves duty remain under existing rules.

"The program will evaluate the feasibility of a permanent change to Army Reserve Component enlistment policy," reads the announcement. The test program be-

3-year 'test' program meant to make up for difficulties in enticing new GIs

gins immediately and will run through Sept. 30, 2008. Set by law, the maximum age for active-duty recruits will remain at 34.

The move comes as reserve recruiters are struggling to convince potential recruits to join even as unit leaders are failing to convince enough troops to stay in uniform beyond initial contracts. Hundreds of thousands of part-time citizen soldiers have found themselves facing full-time duty in the combat zones, mostly under two-year mobilization orders. Of the more than 412,000 Guard and Reserve troops who have been activated since Sept. 11, 2001, more than 63,000 have been mobilized twice, according to Pentagon figures.

Nearly half of the forces now in the Middle East and Central Asia come from the reserve components, noted Charles S. Abell, the

Pentagon's top personnel officer, in prepared remarks delivered before lawmakers March 16.

With that as backdrop, he wrote, "This will be a very challenging year for recruiting for the reserve components particularly in the Army National Guard and Reserve," which have been born the vast majority of combat deployments among reserve forces. Both the Army Guard and Reserve, he wrote "are at high risk of falling short of their recruiting objectives."

To help stem the tide, the Army National Guard is increasing its recruiting force by more than 25 percent, adding 1,400 new recruits. Meanwhile, the Army Reserve is nearly doubling its recruiting ranks with 734 new recruits.

The Army's new policy should help their efforts.

"Raising the maximum age for

non-prior service enlistment expands the recruiting pool, provides motivated individuals an opportunity to serve, and strengthens the readiness of reserve units," according to the Army statement announcing the new policy.

All applicants must meet the same eligibility standards, to include passing the same physical standards and medical examination.

"Experience has shown that older recruits who can meet the physical demands of military service generally make excellent soldiers because of their maturity, motivation, loyalty and patriotism," reads the announcement.

It's too early to say how much the new policy will help recruiters, but officials are hopeful.

"The impact of the measure on meeting enlistment goals has not been forecast, but it is expected to contribute to the Army's efforts to recruit top-quality individuals," according to the announcement.

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Tourniquet production

WASHINGTON — The Army has ordered an additional 172,000 modern tourniquets for soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan and will begin distributing them next month, with the expectation that each soldier will be equipped with the life-saving device sometime this summer, officials said.

"We anticipate theaterwide distribution beginning in mid-April with completion in three or four months, by July or August," said Cynthia Vaughan, a spokeswoman for the Army surgeon general.

There are currently about 44,000 tourniquets on hand or on order, officials said, and the manufacturer said a plant in South Carolina has hired additional workers to produce the increased numbers. The Army is expected to request an additional number of the tourniquets so thousands of soldiers set to deploy to Iraq and Afghanistan later this year will have them in new medical kits.

Humvee mishaps probe

Army officials tracking Humvee problems have seen sharp increases in rollover accidents and deaths in recent months, according to a report in USA Today.

The paper reported that the Army is trying to determine whether the spike in accidents is because of the increased use of the vehicles, the inexperience of the drivers, or the shifting weight caused by armor plating.

According to a USA Today analysis of Army records, the numbers of serious vehicle accidents and fatalities in Iraq in the last four months have doubled from the four months prior.

So far this year 14 soldiers have been killed in accidents involving Humvees or trucks.

USA Today reports that the Army is developing a four-hour driving course for soldiers, particularly those being sent to Iraq, to cover safety and rollover concerns.

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Many Muslims outraged over mixed-gender prayer

CAIRO, Egypt — Muslims in the Middle East on Saturday angrily denounced prayers led by a woman in New York City the day before as a violation of Islam.

One Egyptian newspaper, Al-Messa, reported the news of Amina Wadud leading Friday prayer services on its front page, with the emphatic headline: "They are tarnishing Islam in America!" It referred to Wadud as "the deranged woman." A female Islamic law professor condemned the act as apostasy, explaining that a woman's body "stirs desire" in men. Some suggested the event was a U.S. conspiracy to mold traditional Islam into a secular American religion.

Hindu extremists set fire to Pepsi warehouse

AHMADABAD, India — Hindu nationalists set fire to a PepsiCo warehouse in western India on Saturday to protest the U.S. denial of a visa for a top state official due to his role in religious riots in 2002.

Prime Minister Manmohan Singh asked the U.S. government to urgently reconsider its decision. The State Department said Friday it had denied a diplomatic visa to the Hindu nationalist chief minister of Gujarat state, Narendra Modi, and revoked his existing tourist/business visa under the U.S. Immigration and Nationality Act that bars people responsible for violations of religious freedom from getting a visa.

Five North Korean defector couples tie the knot

SEOUL — Several North Korean defectors tied the knot on Saturday at a Christian church in Seoul. For them, the wedding opened a new chapter in their hard-earned life in democratic South Korea.

The couples — who like most defectors from the totalitarian regime refused to disclose more than their last names for fear of retaliation against their relatives — have been living together but could not afford weddings. So a group ceremony was organized by Seoul Presbyterian Church of Resurrection and Dongposarang, a civic organization helping North Korean defectors.

Suspected bomber arrested in Philippines

MANILA, Philippines — A suspect in a series of deadly bombings in a southern Philippine city was arrested Saturday, police said.

Andy Budiang was arrested in Glan municipality and brought to nearby General Santos city where he is facing multiple charges of murder, regional police chief Antonio Billones said. It was unclear from the briefing report to the national police headquarters in Manila which bombings Budiang was allegedly involved. His report identified him as a suspected member of the separatist Moro Islamic Liberation Front.

From The Associated Press

BY ANNE GEARAN
The Associated Press

SEOUL — From inside a mountain-side bunker, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice saw firsthand Saturday what a war with North Korea might look like.



Rice

Rice became the most senior American official to tour a command center for U.S. and South Korean troops that would be the battle headquarters in the event of fighting with the communist North.

"I know that you face a close-in threat every day," Rice told troops at Command Post Tango, or Theater Air Naval Ground Op-

Rice's visit coincided with a twice-yearly war exercise involving thousands of American and South Korean soldiers. When Rice got a look at the command center,

it also was the first time that reporters and cameras were allowed into the bunker south of Seoul.

North Korea denounced the exercises as a rehearsal for a U.S.-led pre-emptive attack.

"The Republic of Korea, a great democracy now, faces a threat across the divide of a state that is not democratic, that is not free, and that does not have the best interests of its people at heart," Rice said.

Rice's trip to Asia is intended partly to push North Korea to resume nuclear disarmament talks. She repeatedly has assured North Korea that the United States has no intention of invading.

Still, more than 32,000 U.S. troops are stationed in South Korea, with more at the ready nearby. They are testament to the tension and suspicion between North and South Korea five decades after active hostilities ended in the Korean War.

"In parts of the world, the Cold War has ended and we've been able to [produce] a continent like Europe that is now whole and free," Rice told commanders and troops. "But of course, divisions

remain here in Korea.”

For the military exercise, about 17,000 U.S.-based troops were joining 6,000 soldiers stationed in South Korea. North Korea contended the exercise was "a maneuver for a nuclear war against the North."

"The U.S. imperialists unleash a new war, they will pay a high price," the North's official Rodong Sinmun newspaper said in a commentary carried by its official news agency, KCNA.

North Korea's nuclear capability was expected to be a major topic of Rice's talks with South Korean leaders on Sunday and Chinese officials on Monday.

Rice appealed to China, North Korea's closest ally, to use its leverage to bring the North back to disarmament talks.

The United States, Russia, Japan, South Korea and China began a joint diplomatic effort with North Korea last year aimed at persuading the country to give up its nuclear program.

But those six-nation talks, hosted by China, stalled in September, when the North Koreans pulled out and refused to return to the discussions.

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2001 anthrax cases remain wide open

BY MARK SHERMAN
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The anthrax fallout this week served as a reminder that federal authorities still haven't caught whoever was responsible for the all-too-real attacks in 2001 that left five people dead.

No arrests have been made and no charges filed in the case the FBI has dubbed Amerithrax. Attorneys have filed suit against the federal investigation — and at times been touched by it — say they see no evidence of recent activity.

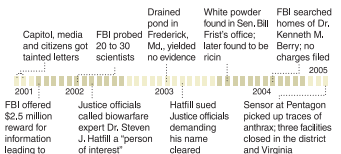
Debra Weisman, spokeswoman for the FBI's Washington office, disputed that. She said 30 FBI agents and 15 postal inspectors are assigned to the anthrax probe, and more than 5,000 grand jury subpoenas have been issued.

"The investigation remains intensely active," Weisman said.

Dr. Steven J. Hatfill, the one person identified by former Attorney General John Ashcroft as a "person of interest" in the case, has filed suit against Ashcroft and the government, asserting they ruined his reputation. Hatfill has said repeatedly that he had nothing to do with the anthrax attacks, letters that scared a jittery nation a month after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

Anthrax cases still unsolved

Nearly three and a half years since anthrax-tainted letters were discovered, investigators have yet to make any arrests in the case.



Source: U.S. Government Accountability Office

The FBI's dogged surveillance of Hatfill has all but ended.

Aides to Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales refused to comment when asked whether Hatfill remains of interest to investigators.

Hatfill, 51, reportedly has been unable to find work. His attorney, Thomas Connolly, would neither agree to be interviewed nor make Hatfill available for this story.

U.S. District Judge Reggie Wal-

ton, who is overseeing Hatfill's civil lawsuit, provided a concise summary of the investigation at a court hearing in October. Walton criticized federal officials for leaked information that cast suspicion on Hatfill and said he doubted the FBI was close to solving the case.

"It doesn't seem to me there's a significant likelihood of anything in the near future that's going to

change the status quo," Walton said after reading a sealed affidavit from the FBI agent who is in charge of the investigation.

The anthrax letters, bearing postmarks from Trenton, N.J., began surfacing in October 2001 at media outlets in New York and Florida, and in senators' offices on Capitol Hill. By November, five people had died — a photo editor for the tabloid newspaper The Sun, two postal workers who were infected at a Washington mail-handling center and two women who had no known connection to any of the recipients but who may have come into contact with contaminated mail.

Investigators quickly focused on 20 to 30 scientists with the training and experience to handle anthrax and turn it into a deadly weapon. Authorities took a particular interest in the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases at Fort Detrick in Frederick, Md., which housed the strain of anthrax found in the mail.

Hatfill was once a researcher at Fort Detrick. The FBI twice searched Hatfill's apartment near the lab. Agents drained a pond outside Frederick in 2003, hoping to find discarded evidence. They didn't.

Last year, they interviewed employees at the Fort Detrick lab, asking about access to sensitive areas where scientists work on anthrax and other biological agents, said Rosemary McDermott, the lawyer for the employees.

Another McDermott client, former lab employee Ayadi Assad, also talked to the FBI for at least a second time.

Assaad, who now works for the federal Environmental Protection Agency, said the agents quizzed him about his knowledge of producing finely powdered anthrax like that used in the letters.

They assured Assad he is not a suspect in the attacks, both Assad and his lawyer said.

Assaad is an expert on the toxin ricin and says he has never worked with anthrax. He said he gave the FBI receipts and other materials showing he was in the Washington area during periods in September and October 2001 when the letters might have been mailed from New Jersey.

An anonymous letter sent to the FBI after the first anthrax letters were mailed but before anyone turned up ill warned that Assad might be planning a biological attack. Investigators believe it was more likely the anthrax mailer sought to frame Assad for the crime.

Lawmakers seek deal in Schiavo case

The Associated Press

PINELLAS PARK, Fla. — Terri Schiavo's mother pleaded for help from politicians Saturday as her brain-damaged daughter spent her first day without a feeding tube and protesters symbolically tried to smuggle bread and water to her.

"We laugh together, we cry together, we smile together, we talk together," Mary Schindler told reporters as supporters maintained a vigil outside the hospice where her daughter is cared for. "Please, please, please save my little girl."

In Washington, House and Senate negotiators sought an agreement on legislation that would allow a federal court to review the case of Schiavo, who has become the focus of an epic right-to-die battle between her parents and her husband, Michael Schiavo.

"The fight is not over," said House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Texas.

Sen. Kent Conrad, D-N.D., said efforts were being made to bring the House and Senate into session later Saturday to pass the measure, which would require the presence of only a handful of lawmakers if an agreement has been reached.

Four people, including right wing leader James G. Thompson, were arrested on misdemeanor trespassing charges when they attempted to bring Schiavo bread and water, which she would be unable to consume.

Police: Body of Fla. girl found

Suspect confesses to kidnapping and killing 9-year-old

BY MIKE BRANOM
The Associated Press

HOMOSASSA, Fla. — The body of missing 9-year-old Jessica Lunsford was found early Saturday, a day after officials said a registered sex offender confessed to kidnapping and killing the girl.

Citrus County Sheriff Jeff Dawsey said Jessica's body was found during an overnight search in a densely wooded area, only about 150 yards away from the home the girl shared with her father and grandparents.

Jessica's father, Mark Lunsford, visited the search scene shortly after sunrise and gave a brief, emotional statement to reporters.

"Everyone heard me say, time after time, that she would be home," Lunsford said, his eyes hidden behind dark black sunglasses. "She's home now."

John Evander Couey, 46, confessed to kidnapping and killing Jessica after taking a lie-detector test Friday in Georgia, Dawsey said. She disappeared from her bedroom more than three weeks ago.

"We're en route to bring him



Mark Lunsford, the father of Jessica Lunsford, embraces Jessica's cousin Kristy Kirkland prior to addressing the media near his home in Homosassa, Fla., on Saturday. Authorities say they have found the body of Jessica and caught the suspect in her slaying.

back home," said Dawsey, who added that he wants Couey to face the death penalty.

"This guy is not a quality person, by any means.... He's truly a piece of trash," the sheriff said.

Dawsey said that four other people were charged in connection with the case, three of them with obstruction for failing to notify police when Couey allegedly told them he had committed a crime.

A fourth, the sheriff said, was picked up for questioning in the case but was charged only with failure to pay child support in an unrelated matter.

Dawsey called the four "a bunch of drugies" and said he would urge prosecutors not to allow them to plea-bargain for reduced sentences.

Mark Lunsford has said the family did not know Couey, who was arrested Thursday.

"He may have interacted with Jessica," Dawsey said. "But there is no relationship between Couey and this family."

At a news conference late Friday from Ohio, the girl's mother, Angela Bryant, repeatedly made the same vow: Couey, she said, "will pay."

Detectives grew interested in Couey while interviewing all registered sex offenders in the area. They tried to contact Couey at his home in Homosassa five days after Jessica disappeared and discovered he no longer lived there.

Authorities said Couey left Florida on or about March 4 after telling relatives that police would be looking for him. He was arrested in Augusta, Ga., on a probation violation for failing to notify officials that he was moving, a requirement for sex offenders. He was awaiting extradition to Florida on a charge of kidnapping.

Couey has an extensive criminal record that includes 24 arrests for burglary, carrying a concealed weapon and indecent exposure. In 1991, he was arrested in Kissimmee on a charge of fondling a child under age 16. Records don't show how the case was resolved.

Anti-war activists protest in New York

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Anti-war activists marched in the streets of New York and other American cities on Saturday, stopping traffic and lying down alongside flag-draped cardboard coffins to mark the second anniversary of the war in Iraq.

Some of the demonstrators were arrested in New York as they demanded that U.S. troops be brought home.

"This country was founded by anti-war activists," said David McReynolds, 75, of New York, as he marched along 42nd Street.

Organizers encouraged civility in San Francisco, where protesters just after the war began were among the most vocal and angry in the country, with thousands of arrests and frequent conflicts between police and demonstrators.

"We are killing people to bring their families, their mothers, their children. We're taking the security and the integrity of these demonstrations very seriously," said Michael Hackwell, a spokesman for Act Now to Stop War and End Racism.

About 350 people in New York listened to anti-war speeches at the United Nations, then marched along 42nd Street across Manhattan to Times Square, where police penned them in at a sidewalk.

Office basketball pools skirt the legal odds

BY BARBARA ROSE
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — Odds are in three that somebody in your office is taking bets on the NCAA men's basketball tournament.

Never mind that gambling is illegal in most states, or that most office pools operate on company's zero-tolerance era for ethics lapses, wagering during March Madness is a big part of office life.

Competition, suspense and collegiality in a sports-obsessed culture combine to make the tournament a major event in offices where it's common for employees to bet on everything from the Super Bowl to when a co-worker's baby will be born.

Many view participating in NCAA pools as a team-building exercise than any moral hazard. Some bosses not only look the other way, they join in the action.

"It's a chance for people to communicate and razz each other," said Peter Krivkovich, president and chief executive officer of Chicago-based advertising agency Cramer-Krasselt, who paid \$1 for a bracket in his agency's decidedly low-stakes pool among offices in five cities.

"There's always some hometown rooting going on," said the University of Illinois alumnus, who cheers for the top-ranked Illini.

"There's always a healthy rivalry." Office betting is widespread, despite such rare cautionary tales as the scandal

that swept Chicago's biggest bank in the early 1990s, toppling chief executive Barry Sullivan. A sports fanatic, he was booted from the former First National Bank of Chicago partly because of an illegal \$64,000 college basketball pool for top executives. In offices where gambling of any sort is discouraged, stern warnings have gone out against succumbing to March Madness. It's no surprise that firms in industries hit by ethics scandals are being extra cautious this year.

"We were told last week, 'Don't do it,'" said a manager at a Chicago-based mutual fund who asked not to be named.

Nonetheless, some say the collegiate tourney has grown into a bigger deal for office betting than the Super Bowl, according to gambling experts.

"There's nothing that comes close," said Las Vegas-based oddsmaker Keith Glantz, whose syndicated Glantz/Culver Betting Line runs in newspapers across the country. "It's number one."

Legal betting on the tournament is expected to approach \$100 million this year, Glantz said. Law enforcement officials said they have no estimates on the additional millions that are wagered illegally online and through pools organized at work, clubs and college dorms.

"Our main concern is gambling that is wrapped in with other problems like organized crime, public corruption, drugs," said an FBI spokeswoman at the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington, D.C.

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Escaped Ga. hostage is latest instant celebrity

BY DAN THANH DANG
The Baltimore Sun

There's no telling when instant fame will strike next.

It happened to massage therapist Amber Frey and Army soldier Jessica Lynch in 2003. Nine Pennsylvania coal miners endured it in 2002 and Air Force pilot Scott O'Grady emerged from it a courageous hero in 1995.

This week, add Ashley Smith to those ranks.

The 26-year-old widowed mother in Atlanta went from total unknown to in-demand celebrity after persuading her captor Brian G. Nichols to set her free after a seven-hour hostage ordeal last weekend. It was a story made all the more compelling because Nichols was the suspect in the killings of a judge, a court reporter, a deputy and later, a federal agent.

Now the media frenzy begins. "You can never really put a price on it but I think this could be a six-figure book," says Andrea Barz, a literary agent at International Creative Management. "But more than money, she could have a best seller on her hands. People want to know how she did it."

"It's a story of courage, faith,

perseverance, hope, heroism and survival," Barz says. "A lot of publishing houses are probably approaching her to do book deals."

As the biggest get in the news right now, Smith reportedly has received at least four offers from book publishers who are eager to tell her story. She's also been



Smith

undated with proposals for movies, talk show appearances and media interviews.

In a world searching for heroes, prone to idolizing celebrities and tuned to 24-hour news, ordinary

people who do extraordinary things are a hot commodity, says Leo Brady, a University of Southern California professor who wrote "The Frenzy of Re-

normality is validated when ordinary people do extraordinary things," Brady says.

Just look at Frey, whose claim

to fame is revealing herself as the secret mistress who helped the authorities arrest and convict her married lover, Scott Peterson. Frey's book, "Witness for the Prosecution of Scott Peterson," hit the shelves in January and became an Amazon best seller.

Lynch nabbed a \$1 million book deal (split between her and Pulitzer Prize newspaperman Rick Bragg), appearances on television, cover photos on Time and People magazines, and a made-for-TV movie. Interest in her prisoner-of-war story didn't subside even after it was revealed that media accounts exaggerated her heroism in Iraq.

In June 1995, Capt. Scott O'Grady was shot down over Bosnia, where the pilot hid from Serbian forces and ate insects for six days until the Marines retrieved him. Within weeks of his rescue, O'Grady clinched a book deal with Doubleday worth at least \$500,000.

Girlfriend of Letterman plot suspect says he's been set up

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The fiancée of a Montana man charged with plotting to kidnap David Letterman's son said her husband-to-be is being falsely accused by a childhood friend he had a falling out with.

Kelly A. Frank was arrested Monday after the estranged friend told authorities that Frank had confided a plan to kidnap 16-month-old Harry Joseph Letterman and his nanny for \$5 million in ransom.

Frank, 43, and the informant not only had been friends since they were 10 but also had worked together at the talk-show host's ranch, west of Choteau, Mont., said the fiancée, Laurie Johnson.

In interviews published Saturday, Johnson told the New York Daily News and New York Post that the estranged friend has a "personal vendetta" against Frank because of a fight they had at work and has been trying to incriminate him since.

Johnson said the informant twisted an offhand remark Frank had made about Letterman increasing security at the ranch into a threat against the child.

"He has always had great respect for Letterman," Johnson, 40, told the Daily News. "He felt privileged to be able to go up there and work for him."

Frank is charged with felony solicitation, felony theft for allegedly overcharging Letterman for painting work and misdemeanor obstruction for allegedly lying to

an FBI agent who first questioned him about the plot.

He is being held on \$600,000 bail and is scheduled to make his next court appearance Tuesday. Authorities in

Teton County, Mont., said it was not clear whether Frank had an attorney yet.

Frank previously pleaded guilty to stalking and intimidating a woman who alleges he also kidnapped and raped her.

He is on probation in the stalking case, with a 10-year suspended prison sentence.



Frank

Fonda's revelations

In her new autobiography, **Jane Fonda** says her former husband **Roger Vadim** forced her into sexual encounters, a British newspaper reported.

The book, "My Life So Far," is to be published next month by Random House. Leaked excerpts describe Vadim bullying Fonda into inviting other women into bed, as well as other lurid situations created by Vadim, the Daily Mail reported Wednesday.

Random House did not comment on the report.

Fonda, 67, was married to the French director from 1965 to 1973. She was his third wife of five, which included actress Brigitte Bardot, his first spouse. He died in 2000.

Restraining order

Janet Jackson obtained a restraining order Thursday against a man who the singer said has been harassing her for nine years.

Robert Gardner, 46, was ordered to stay at least 100 yards away from Jackson and not to contact the entertainer, her family, agents, attorneys or managers.

The restraining order from a Superior Court judge will remain in place for three years.

Hit-and-run accident

Prosecutors are considering whether to file criminal charges against singer **Paula Abdul** for an alleged hit-and-run freeway accident last December, officials said Thursday.

Frank Mateljan, city attor-

ney's office spokesman, said a Mercedes-Benz belonging to the "American Idol" judge clipped another car Dec. 20 on the 101 Freeway in the San Fernando Valley.

The driver apparently failed to look while changing lanes and did not stop to exchange information, he said.

Nobody was hurt in the accident. The driver and passenger in the struck car took down the Mercedes' license plate number and photographed it with a cell phone camera, Mateljan said. The plate was traced to Abdul.

Gibson's film honored

Mel Gibson got a nice thank you from theater owners grateful that he packed their cinemas last year for his religious blockbuster "The Passion of the Christ."

Gibson received an award Thursday for favorite film of the year as voted on by USA Today readers in balloting sponsored by the newspaper and the Coca-Cola Co. The honor was presented at ShoWest, a convention of theater owners.

"The Passion of the Christ," starring Jim Caviezel in the story of Jesus' bloody final hours of scourging and crucifixion, became one of 2004's biggest hits, grossing \$370 million.

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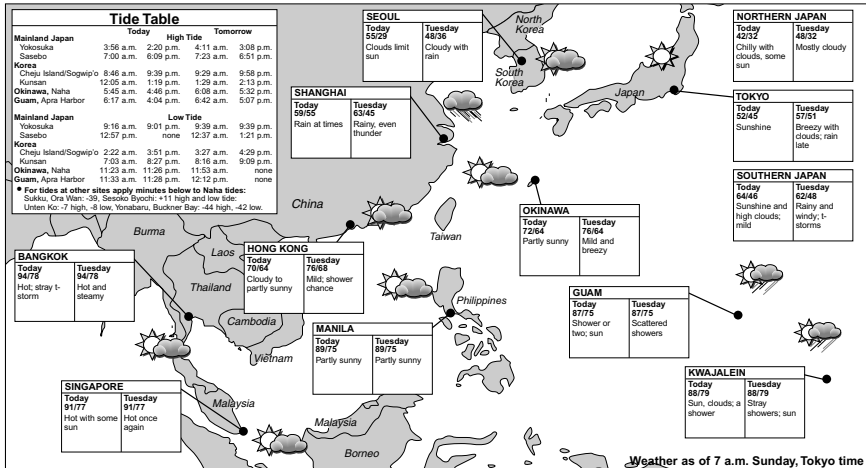
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TOKYO

Wednesday: Rain,
 high 85, low 46.
 Thursday: Mostly cloudy,
 high 54, low 40.

KADENA

Wednesday: Rain,
 high 70, low 58.
 Thursday: Showers,
 high 64, low 54.

SEOUL

Wednesday: Partly sunny,
 high 45, low 21.
 Thursday: Periods of clouds and
 sunshine,
 high 36, low 15.

MANILA

Wednesday: Periods of clouds
 and sunshine,
 high 89, low 75.
 Thursday: Partly sunny,
 high 91, low 75.

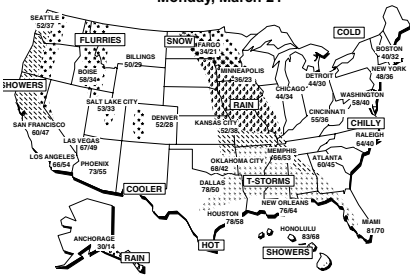
HAGATNA

Wednesday: Partly sunny,
 high 87, low 75.
 Thursday: Showers,
 high 85, low 75.

Saturday's USA Temperature

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Albuquerque	54/37	Los Angeles	64/54
Amarillo	56/38	Little Rock	70/44
Anchorage	45/24	Louisville	55/37
Ashville	55/34	Miami	74/56
Baltimore	56/38	Milwaukee	39/27
Birmingham	60/46	Nashville	59/36
Bismarck	32/17	New York	50/36
Boise	57/40	Omaha	45/24
Boston	48/32	Orlando	69/48
Brownsville	80/64	Philadelphia	53/38
Buffalo	42/33	Phoenix	67/54
Burlington	39/20	Pittsburgh	57/37
Charleston, SC	66/47	Portland, OR	56/46
Charlotte	63/40	Portland, ME	46/23
Cleveland	53/37	Salt Lake City	59/42
Columbus, OH	56/36	St. Louis	50/31
Duluth	29/17	San Antonio	80/59
El Paso	68/46	San Diego	64/56
Harford	49/27	San Juan	87/72
Helena	36/25	Tampa	71/50
Indianapolis	54/33	Tulsa	58/37
Jacksonville	66/45	Washington, DC	59/44
Kansas City	47/27	Wichita	54/35

Monday, March 21



U.S. Extended Forecast

A storm will barrel across the Great Plains Monday and Tuesday, while tapping into Gulf moisture. This will lead to rainy weather from Missouri, eventually spreading east by late Tuesday. South of the storm, strong thunderstorms may erupt over the Lower Mississippi River Valley Monday and Florida Tuesday. To the north of the storm, more wintry weather is possible; the northern Plains has the potential for another round of heavy snow as the moisture is cooled by chilly air spilling south from Canada. A storm off the California Coast Monday will bring more rain to central California and snow to the Sierra Nevada, eventually spreading into the southern Rockies by Wednesday.

Monday's Pacific Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Bangkok	94/78	Iwakuni	58/43
Beijing	54/40	Kadena AB	72/64
Camp Casey	56/36	Kusan AB	54/40
Christchurch	67/48	Kwajalein	88/79
Diego Garcia	87/75	Manila	89/75
Hagatna	87/75	Misawa AB	45/33
Hanoi	75/68	Osen	57/35
Hong Kong	70/64	Perth	88/68
Honolulu	83/68	Pusan	59/43

Monday's World Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Acapulco	90/72	Budapest	45/25	Kabul	54/39
Athens	51/46	Buenos Aires	75/53	Kiev	25/19
Auckland	72/59	Cairo	83/51	Kuwait	86/62
Baghdad	85/59	Cancun	88/72	London	59/51
Barbados	90/72	Cape Town	70/54	Madrid	53/32
Barcelona	60/53	Geneva	62/41	Mexico City	82/51
Berlin	41/33	Montreal	41/27	St. Petersburg	39/22
Bermuda	70/53	Jerusalem	70/46	Stockholm	33/33
Brussels	64/50	Johannesburg	74/53	Moscow	13/6
				Warsaw	32/18



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MONDAY EVENING / MARCH 21, 2005

MOVIES

SPORTS

J	6PM	6:30	7PM	7:30	8PM	8:30	9PM	9:30	10PM	10:30	11PM	11:30
6	AFN-P •ESPN News 6:46 Oprah Winfrey (CC)	Pacific Report (35) Guiding Light (CC)	60 Minutes (CC)	(17) General Hospital Headline News Judge Judy (CC)	Today (CC)		ER "Ty Carter" The girlfriend of a brain-dead boy with HIV wants to donate his organs to a friend. (CC)	Pacific Report	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (CC)	Late Show With David Letterman (CC)		
7	AFN-AT Bulls and Bears (CC)	Carveto on Forbes (CC)	Forbes (CC)	Cashin' In (CC)	Outline NBC (CC)	American Morning					Alduin 'Sandwich' (CC)	ChakZone (E)
8	NEWS To Be Announced	•NBA Finals Late Night	•SportsCenter									
9	SPORTS The Simpsons A lot of developments on Bart.	Everybody Loves Raymond Plays bathroom event.	The Dead Zone "Shadows" (CC)	Law & Order "Sheltered" A sniper shoots four people at random in Manhattan. (CC)	Monster House "Zen House" Two sisters inherited home loses its 1950s style in favor of Zen touches.	Friends Chandler "Can't be home for Christmas. (CC)	Seinfeld George "causes a couple's breakup. (CC)	Seinfeld George "impresses his boss. (CC)	Blind Date (CC)			
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11	AFN-FM Family Oddities (CC)	Rugrats (CC)	Lizzie McGuire (CC)	Brothers Garcia (CC)	Smallville "Ryan" (CC)	Boy Meets World "Boys Meets World" (CC)	The Coolest Show "Home Improve. (CC)	Home Improve. (CC)	Home Improve. (CC)			
12	AFM [15] • "Hush" (1998) Supersai Jason Lee, Jayne Parrish, Johnathon Schaech. A young woman faces off against her evil mother-in-law. PG-13 (CC)	[15] • "Hush" (1998) Supersai Jason Lee, Jayne Parrish, Johnathon Schaech. A young woman faces off against her evil mother-in-law. PG-13 (CC)	[15] • "Hush" (1998) Supersai Jason Lee, Jayne Parrish, Johnathon Schaech. A young woman faces off against her evil mother-in-law. PG-13 (CC)	[15] • "Hush" (1998) Supersai Jason Lee, Jayne Parrish, Johnathon Schaech. A young woman faces off against her evil mother-in-law. PG-13 (CC)	[15] • "Hush" (1998) Supersai Jason Lee, Jayne Parrish, Johnathon Schaech. A young woman faces off against her evil mother-in-law. PG-13 (CC)	[15] • "Hush" (1998) Supersai Jason Lee, Jayne Parrish, Johnathon Schaech. A young woman faces off against her evil mother-in-law. PG-13 (CC)	[15] • "Hush" (1998) Supersai Jason Lee, Jayne Parrish, Johnathon Schaech. A young woman faces off against her evil mother-in-law. PG-13 (CC)	[15] • "Hush" (1998) Supersai Jason Lee, Jayne Parrish, Johnathon Schaech. A young woman faces off against her evil mother-in-law. PG-13 (CC)	[15] • "Hush" (1998) Supersai Jason Lee, Jayne Parrish, Johnathon Schaech. A young woman faces off against her evil mother-in-law. PG-13 (CC)	[15] • "Hush" (1998) Supersai Jason Lee, Jayne Parrish, Johnathon Schaech. A young woman faces off against her evil mother-in-law. PG-13 (CC)	[15] • "Hush" (1998) Supersai Jason Lee, Jayne Parrish, Johnathon Schaech. A young woman faces off against her evil mother-in-law. PG-13 (CC)	[15] • "Hush" (1998) Supersai Jason Lee, Jayne Parrish, Johnathon Schaech. A young woman faces off against her evil mother-in-law. PG-13 (CC)
13	PBS "Dragon Tales: Prince for a Day." (CC) (DVS)	Zoom Shating re: (CC) (DVS)	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Antiques Roadshow "Oklahoma City" An elephant table made during the Aesthetic Movement of the 1870s.	Antiques Roadshow "Oklahoma City" An elephant table made during the Aesthetic Movement of the 1870s.	Antiques Roadshow "Oklahoma City" An elephant table made during the Aesthetic Movement of the 1870s.	Antiques Roadshow "Oklahoma City" An elephant table made during the Aesthetic Movement of the 1870s.	Antiques Roadshow "Oklahoma City" An elephant table made during the Aesthetic Movement of the 1870s.	Antiques Roadshow "Oklahoma City" An elephant table made during the Aesthetic Movement of the 1870s.	Antiques Roadshow "Oklahoma City" An elephant table made during the Aesthetic Movement of the 1870s.	Antiques Roadshow "Oklahoma City" An elephant table made during the Aesthetic Movement of the 1870s.	Antiques Roadshow "Oklahoma City" An elephant table made during the Aesthetic Movement of the 1870s.
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17	TFC (15) TV Patrol World	Quizon Avenue	Quizon Avenue	Quizon Avenue	Quizon Avenue	Quizon Avenue	Quizon Avenue	Quizon Avenue	Quizon Avenue	Quizon Avenue	Quizon Avenue	Quizon Avenue
18	CNN+ CNN Presents: Classroom Edition	CNN Daybreak	CNN Daybreak	CNN Daybreak	CNN Daybreak	CNN Daybreak	CNN Daybreak	CNN Daybreak	CNN Daybreak	CNN Daybreak	CNN Daybreak	CNN Daybreak
19	GOLF •PGA Golf: Safeway International	•PGA Golf: Safeway International	•PGA Golf: Safeway International	•PGA Golf: Safeway International	•PGA Golf: Safeway International	•PGA Golf: Safeway International	•PGA Golf: Safeway International	•PGA Golf: Safeway International	•PGA Golf: Safeway International	•PGA Golf: Safeway International	•PGA Golf: Safeway International	•PGA Golf: Safeway International
20	TLC Dr. G: Medical Examiner A body is found at a railroad crossing in Texas. (CC)	Dr. G: Medical Examiner A body is found at a railroad crossing in Texas. (CC)	Dr. G: Medical Examiner A body is found at a railroad crossing in Texas. (CC)	Dr. G: Medical Examiner A body is found at a railroad crossing in Texas. (CC)	Dr. G: Medical Examiner A body is found at a railroad crossing in Texas. (CC)	Dr. G: Medical Examiner A body is found at a railroad crossing in Texas. (CC)	Dr. G: Medical Examiner A body is found at a railroad crossing in Texas. (CC)	Dr. G: Medical Examiner A body is found at a railroad crossing in Texas. (CC)	Dr. G: Medical Examiner A body is found at a railroad crossing in Texas. (CC)	Dr. G: Medical Examiner A body is found at a railroad crossing in Texas. (CC)	Dr. G: Medical Examiner A body is found at a railroad crossing in Texas. (CC)	Dr. G: Medical Examiner A body is found at a railroad crossing in Texas. (CC)
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25	SPKE That '70s Show Red ties to be Eric (CC)	That '70s Show Red ties to be Eric (CC)	That '70s Show Red ties to be Eric (CC)	That '70s Show Red ties to be Eric (CC)	That '70s Show Red ties to be Eric (CC)	That '70s Show Red ties to be Eric (CC)	That '70s Show Red ties to be Eric (CC)	That '70s Show Red ties to be Eric (CC)	That '70s Show Red ties to be Eric (CC)	That '70s Show Red ties to be Eric (CC)	That '70s Show Red ties to be Eric (CC)	That '70s Show Red ties to be Eric (CC)
26	BET • "Book of Love" (2002, Romance-Comedy) Eric K. George, Sally Richardson, Matt Monroe. Three Los Angeles bachelors search with women. (CC)	• "Book of Love" (2002, Romance-Comedy) Eric K. George, Sally Richardson, Matt Monroe. Three Los Angeles bachelors search with women. (CC)	• "Book of Love" (2002, Romance-Comedy) Eric K. George, Sally Richardson, Matt Monroe. Three Los Angeles bachelors search with women. (CC)	• "Book of Love" (2002, Romance-Comedy) Eric K. George, Sally Richardson, Matt Monroe. Three Los Angeles bachelors search with women. (CC)	• "Book of Love" (2002, Romance-Comedy) Eric K. George, Sally Richardson, Matt Monroe. Three Los Angeles bachelors search with women. (CC)	• "Book of Love" (2002, Romance-Comedy) Eric K. George, Sally Richardson, Matt Monroe. Three Los Angeles bachelors search with women. (CC)	• "Book of Love" (2002, Romance-Comedy) Eric K. George, Sally Richardson, Matt Monroe. Three Los Angeles bachelors search with women. (CC)	• "Book of Love" (2002, Romance-Comedy) Eric K. George, Sally Richardson, Matt Monroe. Three Los Angeles bachelors search with women. (CC)	• "Book of Love" (2002, Romance-Comedy) Eric K. George, Sally Richardson, Matt Monroe. Three Los Angeles bachelors search with women. (CC)	• "Book of Love" (2002, Romance-Comedy) Eric K. George, Sally Richardson, Matt Monroe. Three Los Angeles bachelors search with women. (CC)	• "Book of Love" (2002, Romance-Comedy) Eric K. George, Sally Richardson, Matt Monroe. Three Los Angeles bachelors search with women. (CC)	• "Book of Love" (2002, Romance-Comedy) Eric K. George, Sally Richardson, Matt Monroe. Three Los Angeles bachelors search with women. (CC)
27	COURT NYPD Blue "Odious Wicked" "Spow" is taken hostage at airport in the police intervention room. (CC)	NYPD Blue "Odious Wicked" "Spow" is taken hostage at airport in the police intervention room. (CC)	NYPD Blue "Odious Wicked" "Spow" is taken hostage at airport in the police intervention room. (CC)	NYPD Blue "Odious Wicked" "Spow" is taken hostage at airport in the police intervention room. (CC)	NYPD Blue "Odious Wicked" "Spow" is taken hostage at airport in the police intervention room. (CC)	NYPD Blue "Odious Wicked" "Spow" is taken hostage at airport in the police intervention room. (CC)	NYPD Blue "Odious Wicked" "Spow" is taken hostage at airport in the police intervention room. (CC)	NYPD Blue "Odious Wicked" "Spow" is taken hostage at airport in the police intervention room. (CC)	NYPD Blue "Odious Wicked" "Spow" is taken hostage at airport in the police intervention room. (CC)	NYPD Blue "Odious Wicked" "Spow" is taken hostage at airport in the police intervention room. (CC)	NYPD Blue "Odious Wicked" "Spow" is taken hostage at airport in the police intervention room. (CC)	NYPD Blue "Odious Wicked" "Spow" is taken hostage at airport in the police intervention room. (CC)
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29	LIFE "Lies My Mother Told Me" (2005, Documentary) Jay Richardson, Hayden Planetarium, Co. Frome. Premiere. A cartoon goes on the run with her daughter. (CC)	"Lies My Mother Told Me" (2005, Documentary) Jay Richardson, Hayden Planetarium, Co. Frome. Premiere. A cartoon goes on the run with her daughter. (CC)	"Lies My Mother Told Me" (2005, Documentary) Jay Richardson, Hayden Planetarium, Co. Frome. Premiere. A cartoon goes on the run with her daughter. (CC)	"Lies My Mother Told Me" (2005, Documentary) Jay Richardson, Hayden Planetarium, Co. Frome. Premiere. A cartoon goes on the run with her daughter. (CC)	"Lies My Mother Told Me" (2005, Documentary) Jay Richardson, Hayden Planetarium, Co. Frome. Premiere. A cartoon goes on the run with her daughter. (CC)	"Lies My Mother Told Me" (2005, Documentary) Jay Richardson, Hayden Planetarium, Co. Frome. Premiere. A cartoon goes on the run with her daughter. (CC)	"Lies My Mother Told Me" (2005, Documentary) Jay Richardson, Hayden Planetarium, Co. Frome. Premiere. A cartoon goes on the run with her daughter. (CC)	"Lies My Mother Told Me" (2005, Documentary) Jay Richardson, Hayden Planetarium, Co. Frome. Premiere. A cartoon goes on the run with her daughter. (CC)	"Lies My Mother Told Me" (2005, Documentary) Jay Richardson, Hayden Planetarium, Co. Frome. Premiere. A cartoon goes on the run with her daughter. (CC)	"Lies My Mother Told Me" (2005, Documentary) Jay Richardson, Hayden Planetarium, Co. Frome. Premiere. A cartoon goes on the run with her daughter. (CC)	"Lies My Mother Told Me" (2005, Documentary) Jay Richardson, Hayden Planetarium, Co. Frome. Premiere. A cartoon goes on the run with her daughter. (CC)	"Lies My Mother Told Me" (2005, Documentary) Jay Richardson, Hayden Planetarium, Co. Frome. Premiere. A cartoon goes on the run with her daughter. (CC)
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31	HIST Digging for the Truth The ancient Maya of Central America built thousands of pyramids. (N)	Digging for the Truth The ancient Maya of Central America built thousands of pyramids. (N)	Digging for the Truth The ancient Maya of Central America built thousands of pyramids. (N)	Digging for the Truth The ancient Maya of Central America built thousands of pyramids. (N)	Digging for the Truth The ancient Maya of Central America built thousands of pyramids. (N)	Digging for the Truth The ancient Maya of Central America built thousands of pyramids. (N)	Digging for the Truth The ancient Maya of Central America built thousands of pyramids. (N)	Digging for the Truth The ancient Maya of Central America built thousands of pyramids. (N)	Digging for the Truth The ancient Maya of Central America built thousands of pyramids. (N)	Digging for the Truth The ancient Maya of Central America built thousands of pyramids. (N)	Digging for the Truth The ancient Maya of Central America built thousands of pyramids. (N)	Digging for the Truth The ancient Maya of Central America built thousands of pyramids. (N)
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34	MTV The Osbournes	The Osbournes	The Osbournes	The Osbournes	The Osbournes	The Osbournes	The Osbournes	The Osbournes	The Osbournes	The Osbournes	The Osbournes	The Osbournes
35	NICK Full House Jesse Joy & Danny's cheerleader D.J.	Full House Jesse Joy & Danny's cheerleader D.J.	Full House Jesse Joy & Danny's cheerleader D.J.	Full House Jesse Joy & Danny's cheerleader D.J.	Full House Jesse Joy & Danny's cheerleader D.J.	Full House Jesse Joy & Danny's cheerleader D.J.	Full House Jesse Joy & Danny's cheerleader D.J.	Full House Jesse Joy & Danny's cheerleader D.J.	Full House Jesse Joy & Danny's cheerleader D.J.	Full House Jesse Joy & Danny's cheerleader D.J.	Full House Jesse Joy & Danny's cheerleader D.J.	Full House Jesse Joy & Danny's cheerleader D.J.

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Morning
10:25 Korean Drama: Lovers in Paris (4)
11:00-2005 Seoul International Marathon (12)
Afternoon
12:00-2005 WRC Rally (12)
3:30 Grand Sport: The 9th day (1)
4:10 Japan Senior High School Volleyball Tournament (6)
5:50 News (6)
Evening
7:30 News (1)
10:00 News (1)
1:00 Grand Sport Digest (1)
2:00 PGA Tour: Bay Hill Invitational - Final Round (1)
4:00 Grand Sport Digest (1/30)

JAPAN TV-B57

Morning
6:00 PGA Golf: Bay Hill Invitational - Final Round
8:10 World News Hour
9:10 World News Hour
10:10 BS Documentary: Bullying in Canada
Afternoon
11:10 CNN News
12:00 X-Games 2004 (1)
12:15 What's On Asia (1)
1:00 ABC News
3:10 CNN News
4:10 World News Hour
5:10 BS Documentary: Green Belt Movement
6:10 Nobel Peace Prize Winner Wangari Maathai (1)
Evening
6:10 CNN News
10:10 BS Documentary: Obesity in Developing Countries
11:10 JBL Men's Basketball Super League: Final, 3rd Game: Asin vs. Toshiba

1:10-2005 Winter X-Games (1)
1:25 Grand Sport Digest
2:10 Asian News
3:10 Football Mundial
3:25 World Amazing Sports
4:10 Asian News
5:15 World News Hour

JAPAN TV-B511

Morning
10:00 Classical Music: Truls Mork
Afternoon
10:00 Japanese Sports Tournament, 9th Day (Billiard) (all 350 min.)
Evening
10:00 TV Series: ER IX (1995)
12:00 French Movie (1950): Et Dieu... Créa la Femme (1:30)

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Morning
9:30 U.S. Movie (1993): The Three Musketeers (1:50)
11:20 U.S. Movie (2003): Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life (2:00)
Afternoon
12:00 U.S. Movie (2003): Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl (2:30)
3:45 U.S. Movie (1994): StarGate (2:00)
Evening
6:00 Spanish Soccer Liga Espanola
10:00 U.S. Movie (2003): The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen (1:55)
12:00 Spanish Soccer Liga Espanola
3:40 U.S. Movie (2000): Dracula 2000 (1:40)

6:00 Wake up!
7:30 U.S. Movie Friday
8:00 Top Choice
10:00 Pure Music
11:00 Top Choice
12:00 Top Choice
1:30 Top Choice
2:00 Pure Music
3:00 Top Choice
5:00 Music Download Chart Top 10
Evening
6:00 U.S. Movie Monday
7:20 Top Choice
8:00 U.S. Movie
9:00 Catch
9:20 Top Choice
10:00 Top Choice
11:00 U.S. Movie
12:00 Making the Video: Jennifer Lopez
2:30 Catch the Rhythm
3:30 Fresh
3:30 After Hours

MTV

Morning

OPINION

Checkpoints force split-second decisions

BY PAUL RIECKHOFF

For troops serving in Iraq, few decisions are black and white. Every day is a work of gray.

This month's shooting death of Italian intelligence agent Nicola Calipari at an American military checkpoint was a mistake that unveiled the enormity of the demands we place upon our troops every day in Iraq.

When I served in Iraq, I understood the tremendous responsibility that as an American soldier, I knew that every single thing I did reflected the face of America to the world. The weight of this knowledge made serving in Iraq hard for me, and all of my fellow soldiers. Conveying what that responsibility felt like to civilians was even harder.

Think about it. Not only do our troops have to be concerned with roadside bombs, protecting their buddies, rocket-propelled grenade attacks, avoiding civilian casualties, struggling to pay their bills, and the back-droft draft, but they also have to worry about being crucified by the world press afterward. No wonder roughly 1 in 5 troops returns home with post-traumatic stress disorder.

Our troops live in a fishbowl for all to see — the ultimate in reality TV. And they face a crucible, not in the threat of the insurgency, but in the world's largest peep show gallery. The press. I am sure Green Bay Packers Quarterback Brett Favre can empathize, to a degree, with the scrutiny our troops face. But the pressure of making a big play in the fourth quarter of the Super Bowl is nothing compared with the anxiety that a young soldier experiences at a checkpoint in Iraq. Our troops deal with the greatest gathering

of Monday-morning quarterbacks this planet has ever seen.

Put yourself in our shoes. Imagine looking down the barrel of your weapon and deciding whether to shoot a white sedan, at three in the morning, barreling toward your squad, the day after your best friend was killed by a car bomb on the same road.

This is the colossal task we are asking our sons and daughters to complete in our name: to brave incredible personal danger while diplomatically executing U.S. foreign policy in Arabic before the world media. They have done everything we have asked of them, and then some.

So, to those who are eager to throw judgment at our people in uniform, I ask you: please slow down. This is not the Michael Jackson trial, and you were not there. You were not in that car, or behind that machine gun. And until a thorough investigation is conducted, our soldiers deserve at least the benefit of the doubt.

Giuliana Sgreña, the Italian journalist who speculates that she was targeted by the American military at the checkpoint, stated, "For [the Americans], war is war, human life doesn't count for much."

Ma'am, this could not be further from the truth. Please do not blame the warriors for a war that you oppose.

We, the American soldiers, do value human life — tremendously. We see it wrenched from our Iraqi and American friends every day. But mistakes do happen in war, and we will replay them in our heads forever. We often put ourselves at tremendous risk in order to keep Iraqi civilians safe. I wonder how many times Ms. Sgreña has taken off her helmet and body armor in



Italian Premier Silvio Berlusconi, left, looks on as images of the funeral of Italian intelligence agent Nicola Calipari are shown, at right, during the RAI network TV show "Porta a Porta" hosted by Bruno Vespa. Calipari was killed by American forces in Iraq during the release of abducted journalist Giuliana Sgreña.

a crowded meeting with a local imam in order to demonstrate their trust and support.

During my tour as an infantryman in Iraq, I manned and commanded hundreds of checkpoints. I never saw any American soldier deliberately target civilians — Iraqis, Italians or otherwise. And if I had, I guarantee you that those soldiers would be serving time in Leavenworth right now. Not only is Ms. Sgreña's statement wrong, but also it is insulting. We soldiers are not cold-hearted, baby-killing robots.

Everyone in Iraq is scared — not just the civilians.

The death of the Mr. Calipari is a terrible

tragedy for all involved. But the American soldiers deserve a fair hearing without having to face baseless claims assailing their professionalism and moral judgment. Our soldiers are patriots caught in the ultimate Catch-22. We are America's sons and daughters doing the best we can, and playing out our cards, despite the very tough hand we have been dealt. We are trying desperately to avoid both killing innocent civilians and ending up in a box ourselves.

Paul Rieckhoff served as an Army Infantry Platoon Leader in Iraq with the 3rd Infantry and 1st Armor Divisions. He is now the Executive Director of Operation Truth, an Iraq Veterans group that advocates on behalf of troops and veterans.

‘In our prayers’: No deference to spiritual essence

“You’re in our prayers.” I have noticed this phrase being offered more and more lately.

Whether coming from newscasters, movie stars, politicians and other public figures as in,

Betsy Hart



our prayers.”

I can't help but worry that "you're in our prayers" has become the new "have a good day." (By the way, it's usually "our prayers" instead of what would be the more accurate "my prayers.") I am not talking here about folks who might say, "Wow, I am really going to pray for you on that." I've been the recipient of such genuine love many times. Nor am I suggesting I can always know what's in the heart of someone who says, "You're in our prayers." That newscaster or movie star or politician might really go home, get on his knees, and pray for the intended. That's great.

I'm just suggesting that "you're in our prayers" is a phrase that today one often hears uttered too casually. I know this most because, even as a professing Christian, I have to admit I have too often been a casual utterer — and I've had to call myself to account on it.

I mean, real prayer means something. It's powerful. At some level we must recognize

it as uniquely so or we wouldn't offer it — even casually — as one of the most comforting things we can say to someone else. "Know you're in our discussion group!" just doesn't cut it.

"You're in our thoughts" is better, but that's almost always coupled with prayer as in, "you're in our thoughts and prayers."

We want the positive benefits of prayer, which we recognize to be powerful. But we too often, it seems, call it down as perhaps only some sort of magical incantation to ward off evil spirits or something.

Ironically I think we can sometimes, as a being true, show what we recognize as being true by what we treat vainly. So, conversely to the positive connotations of "you're in our prayers," people regularly take the names "God" and "Jesus Christ" in vain in either excitement or more often anger. Yet, no one would think to say, "George Washington!"

when he's screaming at his computer, or say, "Steve damn it!" when his car has broken down. Because no one believes there is any power in such names, so there is no point in taking them in vain.

And so back to the "prayer" front. I'm not at all sure if the "you're in our prayers" language is more common than it used to be, or if I'm just noticing it more.

What is clear is that we live in an increasingly secular age. Yet when almost anyone is confronted with a person he cares about who is in pain or sadness, no matter what the religious beliefs or practice of either of them — he believes that the most powerful thing he can say, the thing that will offer by far the most comfort and assurance, is "know that you are in our prayers."

I'm not at all suggesting we stop offering such assurance. I am suggesting that every time we hear that phrase, and especially

every time we say it, we really think about it. If we believe that true prayer is really powerful, if we believe it offers assurance or comfort when we promise it to others, then we should be careful to not leave it just as words but to pray and pray rightly for the person for whom the prayer was promised.

If we have no intention of genuinely lifting up that person in true prayer, then we have no right to offer such words of comfort — for they are rendered empty.

I also can't help but find it fascinating that a culture that largely disdains God is so used to hearing people, even people on the national stage with no known religious beliefs, so regularly appeal to the power of prayer. Perhaps it is that we want that power of prayer — but religious or not, we too often don't want what the powerful God behind true prayer requires of us.

Betsy Hart is a frequent commentator on CNN and Fox News Channel.

Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



Alligator kills man

FL LAKELAND — A man found dead in a pond was the victim of a nearly nine-foot alligator that was captured and killed, the medical examiner's office said.

Officials did not know what Don Owen, 56, a truck driver from Bartow, was doing at the pond about a dozen miles from his home. He had been missing several days and was last seen at a convenience store.

His remains were found by several men fishing in Six Pound Pond. An autopsy determined he had been killed by the eight-foot, nine-inch alligator, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission said.

Trappers caught the alligator Monday. Owen's forearm was found in its stomach.

Crossword champ

CT STAMFORD — The bookish world of crossword puzzle aficionados has a fresh-faced new champion.

College student Tyler Hinman, 20, beat out more than 450 competitors from across the country to win top honors at the American Crossword Puzzle Tournament.

He's now the youngest champion in the 28-year history of the tournament. He said he will spend his \$4,000 prize money on tuition.

"I can't even celebrate," said Hinman, wearing jeans, a T-shirt, and a baseball cap marked with the insignia of his fraternity at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y. "I'm not old enough to go to a pub and drink myself stupid."

It was a close win: a 46-year-old engineer named Al Sanders from Fort Collins, Colo., finished the same puzzle first, but missed the answer "Zolazepam" for the clue "stark and richly detailed, as writing."

Freeway shooting kills 3

TX DALLAS — A man squeezed through the sunroof of a Jaguar and opened fire with an automatic assault rifle on another moving vehicle, killing three men and critically wounding a fourth, police said.

Authorities were searching for the gunman and two others, including a woman, who may have been riding in the light-colored, late model Jaguar with fancy wheels, according to Dallas and University Park police.

A police officer waiting at a traffic light at the intersection witnessed the shootings and stopped to help when the second car crashed, Dallas police Sgt. Gil Cerda said. Police policy prohibited the officer from pursuing the fleeing vehicle because he already had a prisoner from an unrelated case in his back seat.

Cow-smuggling case

NY SYRACUSE — Federal authorities have charged two men with smuggling banned Canadian cattle into the United States.

A federal grand jury indictment against Louis R. J. Derouche, of St. Jovite, Quebec, and Andrew J. Derouche, of Fort Covington, of bringing six cows into the United States last Aug. 25, U.S. Attorney Glenn

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Suddaby said.

The importation of cattle and cattle products has been prohibited by federal regulation since May 2003 because of concern over bovine spongiform encephalopathy, commonly called mad cow disease. The federal government took the action after the discovery of a single infected cow from a commercial farm in northern Alberta, Canada.

Historic building burns

AR LITTLE ROCK — A fire destroyed the former headquarters of a major black social organization, which was to be remodeled into a museum on African-American life.

The fire began at about 2 a.m., eventually leading to the three-story building's collapse. The cause of the fire was not immediately determined. Some nearby buildings had minor damage.

Built in 1911, the building was the national headquarters for the Mosaic Templars, which had chapters in 26 states as well as six foreign countries.

Abortion law on hold

MI LANSING — A new state law that bans a procedure critics call partial-birth abortion will not take effect this month so that the state has more time to respond to a federal lawsuit challenging the statute.

Under an agreement reached by Attorney General Mike Cox and



I'll just watch

Jackson Crandall, 2, watches through a living room window as his dad, Matt, removes snow from the sidewalk in front of their house in Sioux Falls, S.D.

three groups that filed suit, the abortion law was put on hold until June 15. It was scheduled to take effect March 30.

U.S. District Judge Denise Page Hood approved the temporary restraining order Monday.

Cox spokeswoman Allison Pierce said the state needed more time to respond to the suit, which was filed March 1.

Suspect naps in car

MA QUINCY — It's never good to fall asleep on the job, but when you're a robber, the consequences can be severe.

Quincy police arrived at a CVS pharmacy early in the morning to find Steven Jakaitis, 42, sleeping in his idling car with a nylon stocking over his head and a cap pistol in his pocket.

By his side was a note that read: "I have a Gun DO NOT Press any Alarms or let Customers [sic] know Empty the All the register."

A customer called police after seeing Jakaitis, who was also wearing a black wig and a scarf. On the back seat of his car, officers found a plastic bag containing 36 unused hypodermic needles. He spoke incoherently after the officers woke him, Capt. Anthony DiBona said.

He never actually went into the store, police said.

Inmate powwows get OK

NE LINCOLN — Nebraska's American Indian inmates can have powwows, meet with medicine men and use a tobacco substitute during religious ceremonies under a federal court settlement.

The settlement, reached between the inmates and prison state officials last year, was approved by U.S. District Judge Warren Urbom.

The settlement grew from a complaint filed on behalf of some 200 American Indian inmates by Richard T. Walker, an Indian sentenced to life in prison in 1966 for murder.

Under the agreement, American Indian inmates can have two powwows a year and use traditional foods such as fry bread, corn and "berry dish" in their ceremonies.

Moms ordered to school

WV MOUNDSVILLE — A magistrate has ordered two mothers to attend school with their children who had too many unexcused absences.

Jennifer LaShare's 15-year-old son has missed school 34 days without an excuse. The boy was defiant in a hearing Thursday, saying he was going to leave school for good when he turns 16 in May.

April Wood's 13-year-old son also has had 34 unexcused absences.

Wood said she has no transportation and her son has been kicked off the bus for smoking a cigarette. "I'm not going to walk on the highway with my son" to school, Wood said.

Anderson also ordered Wood to attend school. Marshall County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney C. Richard Wilson said the school system might be asked to allow the boy to ride the bus with his mother.



Getting some exercise

Jenna Moodie, 9 from Weston, Fla., jumps over bars with her dog, Whoopee, an Irish water spaniel, in the large-dog section of a new dog park in Sunrise, Fla.



Battling the blaze

A firefighter looks into the sky at billowing smoke as he and others battle a blaze at a recycling business in Vinton, Texas.



A long way down

Phillip Boitano, a sophomore at Cardinal Newman High School, practices his dives at the Santa Rosa Junior College pool in Santa Rosa, Calif., as clouds from a late-winter weather front move in to northern California.



Car pool

Rob Barella and Adam Young of Powder Mill Towing, along with Parsippany (N.J.) Police officers David Cavaliere and Joseph Chmura, work to get a car out of a pool in Parsippany. The red Buick, which was parked at the Woroco gas station on Parsippany Road, slid down a hill behind the gas station and landed in a homeowner's pool. No one was injured.



Over the river and through the woods

Clover Hollow, near Newport, Va.

Snow covers the 1916 Newport covered bridge over Sinking Creek off Route 601 in

Drunk announcement

MN MOORHEAD — Having a vanity plate that reads “TIPSY” may not be such a great idea after all. Josiah Johnson, 23, said his license plate might have tipped off the Clay County sheriff's deputy who pulled him over Friday after he left Coach's Sports Pub in Moorhead.

Now he faces third-degree drunken driving charges after his blood-alcohol level allegedly registered twice the legal limit.

Johnson said he bought the personalized license plate for his Jeep to describe the way it rode — then kept it as a joke when he got a Chevy Silverado because he likes to party.

High price for speeding

VA OCCOQUAN — Floor it along a stretch of Interstate 95 and you may really regret it.

Starting Friday, motorists who drive recklessly in the area between Occoquan and Quantico face fines of up to \$2,500. Those caught speeding will see their fines doubled.

The high number of traffic fatalities along the 11-mile stretch in Prince William County has prompted the state to designate it a Highway Safety Corridor.

Police unveiled new black and white warning signs Tuesday that mark the area and warn drivers about the extra fines.

No Brotherly Love

PA PHILADELPHIA — Twenty-one slayings in eight days have authorities begging the public for help identifying the killers.

As of Tuesday morning, the homicide toll in Philadelphia stood at 76 so far this year, up from 66 at the same point last year, police said.

District Attorney Lynne M. Abraham on Monday vowed that her office would protect witnesses, even if it meant sending a moving van to their homes to take them to safety.

“We cannot only move you out of the city, we can move you across the state,” Abraham said.

Police have been on a campaign to persuade residents to cooperate with them since last year's death of a 10-year-old boy who was hit by a stray bullet during a shootout outside his school.

Girl Scouts robbed

OH COLUMBUS, Ohio — A group of Girl Scouts had a very unhappy encounter with a Cookie Monster.

The girls stood in disbelief as a man came to their cookie booth at a supermarket and ran off with an envelope containing \$320.

One of the five girls from Troop 4180 had recommended a box of Thin Mints when the man reached into the cash drawer and grabbed the envelope. An adult with the girls chased the thief but couldn't catch him.

The girls were working their stand inside a Kroger store about 2:30 p.m. Saturday when the man came by and said he'd never bought Girl Scout cookies. He handed one of the girls \$3, then said he wanted a second box but only gave her \$2 more.

When the girl pointed it out, the

man snatched the envelope.

Smith said the money would have paid for the girls to go to summer camp. Kroger employees took up a \$25 collection, but Smith said the girls won't sell from a booth anymore.

Crane experiment

FL TAMPA — An experiment-tal flock of whooping cranes has lost one of its youngest members to a Florida bobcat, but could be on the verge of producing chicks in the wild for the first time.

Six older cranes in the five-year effort to establish a migratory flock of the endangered birds between Wisconsin and Florida have formed into pairs and are being monitored closely for signs of nesting and breeding behavior, according to Operation Migration, the nonprofit group that has helped coordinate the project.

A Web update on the flock posted by Heather Ray, the group's director of operations, said a bobcat killed one of the cranes that were raised in Wisconsin last year — just as some of the other cranes have been beginning their flight north.

Woman dies at 110

VT BURLINGTON — Carolyn Eddy Drew, probably the oldest woman in Vermont, has died at the age of 110.

Drew worked at the Basin Harbor Club before World War I and married in 1917. Over 110th birthday in August, she dined on lobster.

Drew did not dwell much on her longevity, said her son, John Eddy. She spent little time reminiscing about the past or making much of a fuss about anything. Drew was born on Aug. 26, 1894, in North Elba, N.Y.

Who's child is it?

TX HOUSTON — A judge has ordered genetic tests to determine whether a woman's 2-year-old daughter was fathered by one of her teenage students.

Lisa Zuniga has admitted to having a sexual relationship with a 13-year-old boy who is now a student at Victory Academy in Pasadena, where she worked as a teacher's aide.

The boy, who is now 16, and his mother are suing for custody of the toddler.

Zuniga, now 29, pleaded guilty to aggravated sexual assault of a child in January 2003 and was sentenced to deferred adjudication and 10 years' probation.

No paternity test was performed after the girl was born on Feb. 7, 2003, because of Zuniga's plea.

Booby-trapped trail

NH LYNDENBOROUGH — A teenage boy has been charged with a booby-trapping a snowmobile trail last weekend by stringing fishing line across the trail at head height.

The youngster is charged with reckless conduct, but his mother said the incident has been blown out of proportion.

Sgt. H. Michael Geha said the charge would have been harsher, but no one was hurt. He said the youth's motivation seemed to be to cause trouble and did not seem to reflect problems with snowmobilers.

Stories and photos from wire services

Horoscope

Mercury, now retrograde, plays a trick or two before the day is out. It's as if the universe has handed out a pop quiz titled: How Organized Are You, Really? If you've set up a system that involves others, just be sure they understand it, too. The results of communication are precarious at best, but this improves when you write things down.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 21). You have a knack for knowing which is the most fruitful action to take, so you get what you want quickly this year! On your road to success, it's lucky to bring along your friends every way you can. You'll be hiring, inspiring and guiding those close to you. Cancer and Sagittarius are wonderful partners for romance. The best time to travel is May.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). A house is only as sturdy as its foundation. A car is only as fast as its engine. And you are only as effective as your mind. On this day filled with distractions, mentally imagine yourself winning, and then, continue on.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). A test situation is not real life, but it's a solid indicator of how real life will go down when you're in the heat of the fire. Create a drill to thoroughly prepare yourself for an upcoming stressful situation.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There's a raw and gritty feeling about all you witness today. Other air signs help you avoid getting sucked into a "downer" mood. The naked truth doesn't have to be sad — it can also make you laugh out loud.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Opportunities only arise when you consciously put yourself in line for them. So buy your ticket, and step right up. Love is complicated enough. Finding potential partners should be the easy part.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Ro-

mance is only one kind of love. Platonic affection, admiration for a mentor, familial connection and spiritual bonds are also sources of great fulfillment. Let love in its many forms lift you higher.

Holiday Mathis



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You consider a situation, territory or person to be yours. But much that we lay claim to cannot be owned. Realize this, act accordingly, and you are fantastically lucky.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It feels like you're sneaking around in order to avoid hurting someone's feelings. Trust your instincts on this one, although down deep, you know you've got a right to love whomever you choose.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You've got it all over the competition, and you know it. Don't gloat! There is still room for improvement. Keep a private journal of your strengths and all the ways you're different from your rival.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The tumultuous emotions in the air affect you for sure. But staying in a good mood is not rocket science. Spending time with someone sunny still puts a smile on your face.

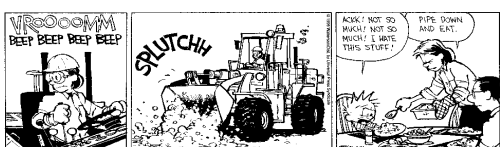
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You need to build your self-esteem more than you need to accomplish heaps of work. Make success an easy and doable process! Break projects down into smaller tasks. You're trying to do too much too fast.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The best opportunities are once removed from your immediate resources: Contacts made through your children's friends, your friends' friends and your colleagues' friends are the luckiest.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Negotiations are featured. You are up against an operator who is much smoother than appearances suggest. (Think Monk or Columbo!) Don't put anything on the table unless you're willing to lose it.

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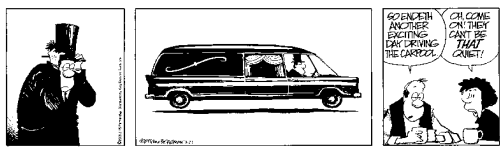
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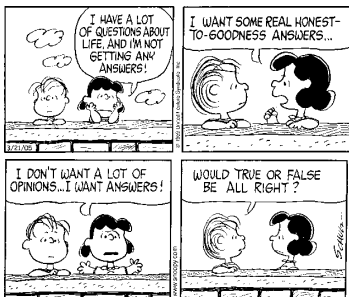
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Baby Bites



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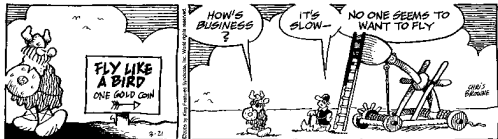
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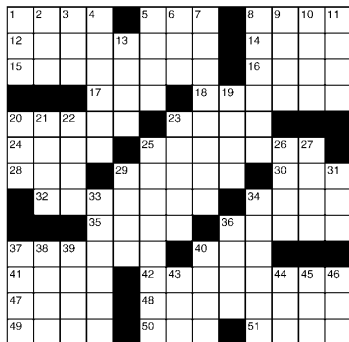
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Eugene Sheffer Crossword



Across

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- 5 Barnyard call
- 8 Nile bird
- 12 Petula Clark
- 14 Zilch
- 15 Cheeriness
- 16 Oversupply
- 17 Lubricant
- 18 Pictorial official
- 20 Pictorial poser
- 23 Easy stride
- 24 Figure-skating jump
- 25 Dark solar area
- 28 — culpa
- 29 "Oops!"
- 30 Princess' insomnia cause

Down

- 1 Commercials
- 2 Bud's partner
- 3 Possess
- 4 Imbue with spirit
- 5 Seethe
- 6 Grain bristle
- 7 Windflowers
- 8 Marching properly
- 9 Piglet's papa
- 10 Grooving on
- 11 Whipped
- 13 Anything but that
- 19 Basilia area
- 20 Aries
- 21 Former mates
- 22 Boyfriend
- 23 Olympic coasters

25 Detectives (SI.)

- 26 Admitting clients
- 27 Afternoon socials
- 29 Garfield's pal
- 31 Stout's cousin
- 33 Got down pat
- 34 Go to bed
- 36 Iconoclastic art
- 37 Atomizer output
- 38 Between jobs
- 39 Mount Holyoke founder Mary
- 40 Erstwhile
- 43 Constitution letters
- 44 Khan title
- 45 Section of L.A.
- 46 Sloppy place

Answer to Previous Puzzle



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Saturday's Cryptquip: TO DETERMINE IF A GOLF PLAYER IS REALLY GOOD, I SUPPOSE THE PROOF IS IN THE PUTTING.

Today's Cryptquip Clue: R equals S

Less like bunnies, cheating still expected in Nexte Cup

BY PAUL NEWBERRY

The Associated Press

HAMPTON, Ga. — NASCAR has sent a clear message that it won't tolerate cheating.

Just don't expect a change of heart in the garage.

Fudging the rules is part of the sport's culture, and no one expects that to change even with the severe penalties handed down by NASCAR this week. Three crew chiefs were suspended and Jimmie Johnson lost his points lead for various infractions in the last race at Las Vegas.

"This sport has always been about you make the rules and I'll try to beat you," Kyle Petty said today, even as inspectors swarmed through the garage at Atlanta Motor Speedway looking for infractions.

It's like being married. Some days you can just sit around in front of the TV. Some days you can't," Petty said. "When there's a blatant disregard for the rules, NASCAR steps in. What they're making us do is: We're still your wife."

From the earliest days, drivers and mechanics have looked for ways to increase speeds without running afoul of the inspectors.

It's a game of cat and mouse with no clearly defined boundaries because the NASCAR rulebook is notorious for its vagueness.

According to Petty, racing is just following the lead of most other sports.

In baseball, infielders learn they can turn double plays without actually touching second base, cutting a little time off their throws to first. In basketball, officials could call palming on virtually every dribble. In football, offensive linemen are constantly testing the limits on how much holding they can get away with.

"That's the same way our sport is," Petty said. "At any given time, you could walk through that cage, follow the letter of the law and beat almost any team for something. But they don't do that. It's part of the game."

On the track, Ryan Newman won his fifth straight pole at Atlanta, turning a lap of 194.690 mph Friday night as temperatures dipped into the upper 40s. It was the 29th career pole for Newman.

Bobby Hamilton Jr. turned in the best qualifying run of his career, putting up the second-fastest time (193.785) to earn a front-row spot alongside Newman for Sunday's Golden Corral 500.

As for those who break the rules, NASCAR is clearly trying to send a message that some things are out of bounds.

NASCAR's winning car at Las Vegas failed to pass inspection after the race, falling short of the minimum height requirement.

NASCAR suspended his crew chief, Chad Knaus, for two races and docked Johnson 25 points in the standings, dropping him behind defending series champion Kurt Busch.

Alan Gustafson, crew chief for Kyle Busch, also received a two-week suspension when the runner-up car was found to be too high after the race.

But NASCAR saved the most severe punishment for Todd Berrier, crew chief for Kevin Harvick. Berrier received a four-week suspension for rigging the fuel tank to appear full when it actually wasn't during qualifying — knowing a lighter car could run faster. All three crew chiefs, who received hefty fines as well, appealed their suspensions, clearing them to stay with their teams this week. But only Knaus and Gustafson were in Atlanta — Berrier began serving his penalty, knowing his only hope was to reduce the length of his suspension, not wipe it out altogether.

Golden Corral 500 lineup

NASCAR Nexte Cup

After Friday qualifying: race Sunday

At Atlanta Motor Speedway

Hampton, Ga.

Length 1.54 miles

(Car number in parentheses)

1. (22) Ryan Newman, Dodge, 194.690 mph.

2. (32) Bobby Hamilton Jr., Chevrolet, 193.785.

3. (48) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 193.184.

4. (99) Carl Edwards, Ford, 193.076.

5. (95) Casey Mears, Dodge, 191.894.

6. (36) Jeff Brune, Ford, 191.252.

7. (01) Joe Nemechek, Chevrolet, 191.192.

8. (25) Brian Bicker, Chevrolet, 191.126.

9. (20) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 191.067.

10. (11) Jason Leffler, Chevrolet, 190.935.

11. (38) Elliott Sadler, Ford, 190.883.

12. (60) Mark Martin, Ford, 190.791.

13. (42) Jamie McMurray, Dodge, 190.669.

14. (14) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 190.616.

15. (41) Casey Mears, Dodge, 190.450.

16. (06) Mike Bliss, Chevrolet, 190.135.

17. (30) Scott Riggs, Chevrolet, 190.134.

18. (91) Bill Elliott, Dodge, 190.006.

19. (88) Bobby Labonte, Chevrolet, 189.935.

20. (77) Travis Kvapil, Dodge, 189.470.

21. (08) Shane Michel, Chevrolet, 188.740.

22. (50) Jimmy Spencer, Dodge, 188.662.

23. (27) Matt Kenseth, Ford, 188.513.

24. (7) Kurt Busch, Ford, 188.470.

25. (24) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 188.234.

26. (33) Jeff Burton, Chevrolet, 188.221.

27. (40) David Reardon, Chevrolet, 188.176.

28. (49) Ken Schrader, Dodge, 188.174.

29. (27) Scott Riggs, Chevrolet, 188.170.

30. (4) Mike Wallace, Chevrolet, 188.101.

31. (37) Ricky Rudd, Ford, 188.070.

32. (22) Scott Wimmer, Dodge, 188.053.

33. (14) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 187.970.

34. (5) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 187.970.

35. (29) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 186.944.

36. (15) Michael Waltrip, Chevrolet, 186.892.

37. (33) Jeff Burton, Chevrolet, 186.742.

38. (40) Sterling Marlin, Dodge, 186.128.

39. (43) Jeff Green, Dodge, owner points.

40. (46) Kyle Petty, Dodge, owner points.

41. (4) Kyle Busch, Chevrolet, owner points.

42. (17) Mike Wallace, Chevrolet, 187.843.

43. (75) Mike Garvey, Dodge, 187.843.

44. (34) Raulo Lable, Dodge, 186.303.

45. (10) John Andretti, Ford, 187.778.

46. (92) Stanton Barrett Jr., Chevrolet, 186.892.

47. (00) Carl Long, Chevrolet, 184.874.

48. (27) Kirk Steinhilber, Dodge, 184.033.

49. (66) Hermie Sadler, Ford, 183.716.

50. (89) Morgan Shepherd, Dodge, 183.443.

Texas Aggies hold off late Demons rally

The Associated Press

ROSEMONT, Ill. — Bobby Leach scored 23 points and Texas A&M blew most of a 20-point lead before holding off DePaul 75-72 Saturday in the second round of the NIT.

Leach gave the Aggies (21-9), who led 44-26 at halftime, a 73-68 lead with 21.6 seconds left when he made two free throws after a technical foul on DePaul for calling a timeout it didn't have.

Memphis 83, Va. Tech 62; Rodney Ramo scored 17 points, leading five players in double figures, as Memphis (21-15) eliminated visiting Virginia Tech (16-14). Anthony Rice added 16 and Jeremy Hunt scored 15 for the Tigers, who held a double-digit lead throughout the second half.

In a Friday game:

Cal State-Fullerton 85, San Francisco 69; Bobby Brown had 25 points and seven rebounds to help Cal State-Fullerton (21-10) beat host San Francisco (17-14).

After shooting only 33.3 percent from the floor in the first half, the Panthers shot 12 of their first 14 attempts in the second and scored 57 points in the final 20 minutes to set up a second-round game at Georgetown.

Perry leads by one midway through Bay Hill

The Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Kenny Perry kept the ball out of the rough and close to the hole, making five birdies during a six-hole stretch Saturday morning that gave him a 4-under 68 and a one-shot lead in the Bay Hill Invitational when the second round finally ended.

Thick rough and slow greens have baffled the best players, including scores the lowest they have been at Bay Hill in a dozen years. Perry was at 6-under 138, making him the halfway leader for the first time since he won the Memorial two years ago. "I've been hitting the ball good, but now I'm starting to hit my irons close to the hole," Perry said.

He had a one-shot lead over Charles Howell III and Stephen Ames, who played 36 holes Friday in a tournament that has been out of whack since an eight-hour rain delay on Thursday.

Vijay Singh, who can return to No. 1 in the world this week by winning, also played 36 holes Friday and shot 72-68, highlighted by a 9-iron he held for 152 yards on No. 8 that left him two shots out of the lead.

Tiger Woods and Ernie Els started their second round Saturday morning. Woods made a few sloppy mistakes in a round of 70 that left him three shots behind. Els twice hit into the water and once hit out of bounds, matching

Golf roundup

his career high at Bay Hill with a 77. Els barely made the cut.

Perry nearly had some company at the top.

K.J. Choi was at 7-under and playing the easiest hole at Bay Hill, but he hit his approach into the water on the par-5 16th and took bogey. Still tied for the lead, he had a calamitous end to his second round.

He put his approach into the bunker on the 18th, facing a downhill shot to the pin with water on the other side. Choi got too delicate with his shot and left it in the sand, blasted out to 12 feet and missed to end with a double bogey. He wound up with a 70 and joined Singh and Sergio Garcia (70) at 140, two shots out of the lead.

U.S. Open champion Retief Goosen, grouped with Woods and Els in the marquee group of the first two rounds, opened with a 78 but quickly changed his fortunes with three straight birdies. He made four straight birdies on his second nine for a 67, the best score of the tournament. He was at 1-under 145.

Woods birdied three of the par 5s to overcome his mistakes, such as a poor chip on the second that led to bogey. Still, he was just sloppy mistakes in a round of 70 that left him three shots behind. Woods can stay at No. 1 as long as Singh or Els do not win.



AP

Scheduled to play 36 holes on Saturday, Tiger Woods shot 70 on the first 18 to finish two shots behind the leader.

For Els, that looks next to impossible.

He was 2-under for the tournament after a birdie on the 15th, his sixth hole of the second round. But it all came undone on three holes. From the bunker on the 16th, his ball found the water, setting up a bogey. Then on the 18th, his approach bounced off of the rocks framing the green and into the water. Els hit another shot about 40 feet away, then three-putted for triple bogey. He hit his tee shot so far right on the third hole that it went into houses, leading to double bogey.

Ochoa leads Sorenstam by two

SUPERSTITION MOUNTAIN, Ariz.

Lorena Ochoa shot 5-under 67 to take a two-shot lead in the Safeway International, with Annika Sorenstam three strokes behind and Michelle Wie lurking.

Ochoa, the 23-year-old Mexican star who is the LPGA Tour's rookie of the year two seasons ago, had a 12-under 132 total.

Soo-Yun Kang was second after a 66, and Sorenstam, the defending champion, was 9-under after a 69. Siew-Li Lieke, who shared the first-round lead with Ochoa, was 7-under after a 72, with Grace Park (67) and Karen Stapples (71) at 6-under.

Candice Kung (70) and Juli Inkster (73) were next at 5-under 139, and the 15-year-old Wie followed her opening 73 with a 67 to join Laura Davies (69), Paula Creamer (71), Liselotte Neumann (70) and Laura Diaz (67) at 4-under.

Morgan's 65 paces seniors

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif.

Gil Morgan shot 6-under 65 to take a one-stroke lead over Tom Jenkins and Wayne Levi. Morgan, the first round of the Toshiba Senior Classic.

Mark McNulty and Bruce Lietzke were two strokes back along with seven others.

Defending champion Tom Purtzer, topped a group at 3-under that included two-time tournament winner Hale Irwin and Ben Crenshaw.

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Georgia Tech's Jarrett Jack (3) takes control of a loose ball against George Washington.

Men's NCAA tournament

opening round
Tuesday, March 15
 Oakland, Mich. 79, Alabama A&M 69
SYRACUSE REGIONAL
First Round
Friday, March 18
 North Carolina State 75, Charlotte 63
 Connecticut 77, Central Florida 71
 Iowa State 64, Minnesota 53
 North Carolina 56, Oakland, Mich. 68
 Florida 67, Ohio 62
 Villanova 55, New Mexico 47
 Wisconsin 57, Northern Iowa 52
 Bucknell 64, Kansas 61
Second Round
Sunday, March 20
 Connecticut vs. North Carolina State
 North Carolina vs. Iowa State
 Florida vs. Villanova
 Bucknell vs. Wisconsin
Semifinals
Monday, March 21
 N. Carolina/Iowa St. vs. Florida/Villanova
 UConn/C.N.C. State vs. Bucknell/Wisconsin
Championship
Wednesday, March 23

CHICAGO REGIONAL
First Round
Thursday, March 17
 Wisconsin Milwaukee 68, Alabama 73
 Boston College 85, Pennsylvania 65
 Florida 51, Illinois 67
 Fairleigh Dickinson 55, Utah State 56
 Alabama-Birmingham 82, LSU 68
Friday, March 18
 Oklahoma State 63, Seattle 58
 Southern Illinois 65, Saint Mary's, Calif. 56
Saturday, March 19
 Boston College vs. Wisconsin Milwaukee
 Illinois vs. Nevada
 Alabama-Birmingham vs. Oklahoma State
 Southern Illinois vs. Saint Mary's
Semifinals
Thursday, March 24
 Illinois/Nevada vs. Boston College/Wisconsin
 Oklahoma State vs. Illinois vs. Arizona/Utah
Saturday, March 26
Championship

AUSTIN REGIONAL
First Round
Thursday, March 17
 Kentucky 72, Eastern Kentucky 64
 Cincinnati 76, Iowa 64
 Oklahoma 84, Niagara 67
 Texas 69, Texas A&M 65
Friday, March 18
 Vermont 60, Delaware State 56
 Michigan State 85, Old Dominion 81
 Duke 77, Delaware State 61
 Mississippi St. 93, Stanford 70
Saturday, March 19
 Utah 67, Oklahoma 84
 Kentucky vs. Cincinnati
Sunday, March 20
 Vermont vs. Michigan State
 Duke vs. Mississippi State
Semifinals
Friday, March 25
 Duke/Miss. St. vs. Vermont/Michigan St.
 Kentucky/Cincinnati vs. Utah
Championship

ALBUQUERQUE REGIONAL
First Round
Thursday, March 17
 Pacific 79, Pittsburgh 71
 Wake Forest 76, Chattanooga 54
 West Virginia 63, Creighton 61
 Wake Forest 68, Montana 64
 Gonzaga 74, Winthrop 64
 Texas Tech 78, UCLA 66
Friday, March 18
 Louisville 64, La. Lafayette 68
 Georgia Tech 84, George Washington 68
Saturday, March 19
 Texas Tech 77, Pacific
 Wake Forest vs. West Virginia
 Washington 97, Gonzaga
Sunday, March 20
 Louisville vs. Georgia Tech
Semifinals
Thursday, March 24
 Washington vs. Louisville
 Wake Forest vs. West Virginia vs. Texas Tech
Saturday, March 26
Championship

FINAL FOUR
April 2
 Chicago Regional championship vs. Albuquerque Regional championship
April 3
 Chicago Regional championship vs. Austin Regional championship
Monday, April 4
Championship

NCAA tournament: Albuquerque Regional

Walk-on helps Tec take big step

The Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. — Bob Knight is back. Ronald Ross made sure of that.

Knight's Texas Tech Red Raiders rallied from a 13-point second-half deficit to beat Gonzaga 71-69 on Saturday to advance to the semifinals of the Albuquerque Regional.

Ross, the sharpshooter who walked on as a freshman four years ago and became one of the best guards in the Big 12 under Knight's guidance, sank a three-pointer from the corner to put sixth-seeded Tech up 68-67 with 1:06 to play, then sealed the victory by making both halves of a one-and-one with 7.5 seconds remaining.

Ross and Knight hugged in the final seconds as it became obvious that a Knight-coached team would make it to a regional semifinal for the first time since 1994.

When it ended, Knight said, Karen, joined the coach on the court, crying and hugging him. It was an emotional scene around the crusty coach, whose 854 career victories are just 25 shy of Dean Smith's NCAA Division I record.

Ross scored 24 points — giving him 102 in his last four games — and grabbed nine rebounds, and backcourt mate Jarriss Jackson added 18 points. Martin Zeno scored 11 and Darryl Dora 10, eighth-seeded Gonzaga (26-5) made an early exit with a high seed for the second year in a row. The Zags were No. 2 seed a year ago and lost to Nevada in the second round.

Adam Morrison had 25 points and nine rebounds for Gonzaga, including 10 straight Bulldogs points after Tech (22-10) had rallied to take the lead. But, with his



Gonzaga's Ronny Turial is consoled by Texas Tech's Ronald Ross after third-seeded Gonzaga's 71-69 loss to Tech in the NCAA tournament.

team trailing 69-67, Morrison missed a three-pointer with 19.5 seconds to go.

Washington 97, Pacific 79: At Boise, Idaho, Nate Robinson scored 18 of his 23 points in the second half. Bobby Jones scored 19 and Nate Simmons 15, and Will Conroy had 10 assists for top-seeded Washington (29-5).

The Huskies pulled away by going 19-49 (31.6 percent) from the field in the second half and finished at 56.3 percent (36-64) for the game.

Next up is the Louisville-Georgia Tech winner in Thursday's regional semifinal.

Other than a brief push by eighth-seeded Pacific (27-4) mid-

way through the second half, the Huskies dominated. Guillaume Yango led Pacific with 17 points and 10 rebounds. Christian Markner added 12 points for the Tigers, but the Swedish forward was shut out in the second half.

The Huskies made 11 of their first 16 shots in the second half and opened with a 13-4 run, which included four straight points after Pacific coach Bob Thomson was called for a technical for complaining over a non-call on Simmons' drive to the basket.

Simmons made both free throws and Jones, who was fouled after pulling down the rebound on Simmons' original layup, was 2-for-2 on his free throws to put the Huskies up by 52-36.

In Friday games:

Louisville 69, La. Lafayette 62: At Nashville, Francisco Garcia went 7-for-7 from the foul line in the final 1:57, finishing with 27 points to help Louisville (30-4) reach the second round for the second time in three years under coach Rick Pitino, who is 28-9 in the NCAA tournament.

There were eight lead changes in the second half before Louisville finally went ahead for good at 56-55 on two free throws by Larry O'Bannon with 3:43 to go. The Cardinals were held to one field goal thereafter — Otis George's tip-in — but made eight more free throws to pull away.

No one exceeded more than Garcia. He was fouled by Dwayne Mitchell on a three-point attempt with 1:57 to go, and made all three free throws for a 63-57 lead. He made two more with a minute left, then calmly sank his last two to push the Cardinals' advantage back to five with 13.9 seconds remaining.

Georgia Tech 80, George Washington 68: Jarrett Jack, Will Byrum and B.J. Elder combined to score on six straight possessions in the second half as Georgia Tech (20-11) pulled away from pesky George Washington. Jack had 20 to lead the Yellow Jackets, who won no game by more than eight points on the way to last year's NCAA championship. Byrum had 17 and Elder added 15.

Pops Mensah-Bonsu scored 15 to lead four players in double figures for the Colonials, who lost to Washington (22-8), which was doomed by dismal foul shooting. The Colonials missed 12 of 16 at the line, with a string of seven straight misses at one point.

NCAA tournament: Syracuse Regional

Taylor provides pickup for Badgers

By JEFF LATZKE

The Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Kamron Taylor crashed to the floor with a thud, then picked himself up and got back into the action. When his Wisconsin teammates stumbled, he was there to pick them up, too.

Taylor scored 16 points in a reserve role, including a jumper and four free throws in the final minute, and the sixth-seeded Badgers held off Northern Iowa 57-52 on Friday night in the Syracuse Regional.

"It seemed a little more calm when he knocked down those last couple shots," Wisconsin coach Bo Ryan said. "That was a welcome sight because we were bleeding then, and we had to stop the bleeding."

Wisconsin (23-8) started with brilliant three-point shooting, but that fizzled and the Badgers struggled to get any basket until Taylor

darted into the lane and knocked down a shot with a minute to play.

"You can't hit every shot you take, and we went cold," Taylor said. "We're a good enough team, we had a cushion, and we made the shots when it counted. That's all that matters."

Wisconsin will face 14th-seeded Bucknell in the second round Sunday. The Bison shocked third-seeded Kansas 64-63.

The Panthers, who had a chance to the eventual Final Four participant Georgia Tech on their final possession in the first round of last year's tournament, rallied from a 16-point deficit before having another upset bid fall short.

Sharif Chambliss hit a season-high five three-pointers and had 15 points for Wisconsin (23-8), which didn't get its usual output from leading scorers Alando Tucker and Mike Wilkinson. Tucker, who was averaging 14.9 points, scored only six and Wilkinson (4.3 per game), had seven.

With Northern Iowa sagging in on Wilkinson and Tucker, the Badgers hit 11-of-26 from three-point range and eclipsed the school's season record for three-pointers with 228. The previous record was 225 in the 1993-94 season.

"They were doubling on Wilkinson and Tucker, and other guys had to step up," Taylor said. "I think we did a good job of that."

The Panthers (21-11) cut into Wisconsin's 12-point lead with a run of eight straight points midway through the second half. Ben Jacobson hit a jumper from the left baseline, another from beyond the free throw line and added a free throw before Erik Crawford completed a three-point play with 9:39 left to cut the lead to 40-36.

Taylor hit a three-pointer and Chambliss hit two to keep the Badgers out front, but Jacobson responded with a falling right-handed jumper and a three-pointer coming off a screen at the top of the key.

Chris Foster cut the lead to 51-48 with a three-pointer from the left wing that rolled around the rim before falling in, but the Panthers failed to score with a chance to tie on their next three possessions and Taylor then stretched the lead with a jumper.

The Badgers had two chances to distance themselves further from the Panthers, but Taylor and Wilkinson each missed the front end of one-and-one situations that would have lowered Iowa's missive to five in a row.

"We had shots that we were looking to get," said Crawford, who finished with 13 points. "In that stretch, I don't think we took a shot that wasn't a good shot or wasn't a shot we haven't made in that situation in previous games."

"If we had to do that over again, we'd probably do the exact same thing."

Northern Iowa's Eric Coleman scored on an offensive rebound with 44 seconds left to make it 53-50, but Taylor hit four free throws in a row.

NCAA tournament: Austin Regional



Duke's Shavlik Randolph (42) is trapped by Delaware State's Aaron Fleetwood (34) and Bruce Davis (11) during the top-seeded Blue Devils' 57-46 victory on Friday. Duke shot just 41 percent from the field.

Persistent Hornets pester mighty Duke

BY KETH PARSONS

The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Mike Krzyzewski knows better than anyone just how precious games are in the NCAA tournament, so while he didn't dwell on his record-setting night, he paused to appreciate it.

"I'm glad we won, whatever the result it was," Coach K said. "Each victory in the tournament is a treasured win, because it's a great tournament."

Shelden Williams had 14 points and 11 rebounds and top-seeded Duke held off 16th-seeded Delaware State 57-46 on Friday night in the Austin Regional, giving Krzyzewski his 65th career victory in the tournament.

In 21 NCAA tournaments, Krzyzewski's record is 65-17, tying Dean Smith's for most career victories.

"He doesn't like to bring those things up," Blue Devils guard J.J. Redick said. "I actually knew. I try to keep up with all his wins and all his stats. I knew that was going on, but he hasn't talked about it. I'm happy for him."

Duke (26-5) will face ninth-seeded Mississippi State in the second round Sunday. The Blue Devils struggled throughout against the Hornets (19-13) despite having guard Sean Dockery back for the first time in seven games after he suffered a knee injury.

The Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference champion had won 15 of its previous 17 games, including three straight in the conference tournament. Delaware State befuddled Duke in the first half with a lineup of five guards, spreading the floor and letting the shot clock wind down before driving to the basket.

Delaware State led 14-12 after 10 minutes and a putback by Tracey Worley tied it at 23 with 5 minutes left in the first half.

"They won the regular season and their tournament with that system. They believe in it,"

Krzyzewski said. "They're quick, and they're good kids. They play together. It didn't seem to matter who shot the ball."

The Blue Devils took control with consecutive three-pointers by Daniel Ewing and Lee Melchison, then opened the second half with an 11-2 run to pull away. The Hornets missed 15 straight shots at one point to make it 49-35. The margin eventually reached 20 before Delaware State rallied. Jahshia Blunt made a jumper from beyond the arc, and after Worley added another basket, Troy Roundtree made a three-pointer to bring the Hornets within 55-43.

"I thought our kids put forth a great effort," Hornets coach Greg Jackson said. "There's no question we gave it our best shot. The kids showed a lot of patience and desire until the talent just took over."

Worley led Delaware State with 13 points, and Roundtree added 11.

"We feel like we gained some respect, but we still feel like we could have won the game," forward Terrance Hunter said. "Nobody gave us a chance."

For Krzyzewski, the outcome probably reminded him of a similar matchup in the 1986 tournament in which the top-seeded Blue Devils narrowly beat Mississippi Valley State 85-78. Johnny Dawkins, at the time an All-America guard for Duke, now sits beside Coach K on the bench as the associate head coach, and he told the players about that game earlier in the week.

"It tells you that what people think is usually wrong," Krzyzewski said. "It's what players think. It's what coaches think."

His team got the chance to live its own version. Backed by a small but enthusiastic group of fans, Delaware State came out to win the game.

After falling behind by nine early, the Hornets tied it at 12 on a layup by Worley, and the rest of the half was close.

'Other' Utes top Sooners

BY BETH HARRIS

The Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. — Turns out there's more to Utah than Andrew Bogut.

The sixth-seeded Utes capitalized on the 7-foot Aussie's skilled passing and Justin Hawkins' 20 points to beat No. 3 seed Oklahoma 67-58 Saturday in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

The Utes (29-5) advanced to a regional semifinal for the first time since 1998, when they lost to Kentucky in the national championship game. They had been knocked out in the early rounds five of the past six years, but move on to play the Cincinnati-Kentucky winner.

Although the beefy Sooners (25-8) did their best to beat up Bogut in the low post, they couldn't overcome 32 percent shooting.

Except for hitting the opening basket, they trailed the entire game and got no closer than seven in the second half.

Bogut had a career-high seven

assists and tied his season low with 10 points, taking just seven shots. He scored 24 points in Utah's 60-54 opening-round victory over 11th-seeded UTEP. The sophomore has been mentioned as a potential No. 1 pick in this year's NBA draft.

Taj Gray had 19 points and 15 rebounds for the Sooners, who had won eight of their previous nine games. Terrell Everett added 17 points.

Bogut's defense on Kevin Boone neutralized the 6-foot-8, 260-pounder, who got in early foul trouble and scored only four points.

Johnnie Gilbert, the Sooners' imposing backup forward, had three fouls and nine points.

The Utes don't have a consistent No. 2 scorer to Bogut, but Hawkins and Marc Jackson proved more than able. Jackson added 17 points and Bryant Markson 16. Hawkins grabbed 13 rebounds and Bogut 11.

Bogut found Markson cutting through the lane and delivered

sharp passes that led to dunks on consecutive possessions in the final 6 1/2 minutes. Then Bogut scored, giving Utah a 55-42 lead.

Bogut showed class in the closing seconds when he caught a long pass and dribbled out the clock instead of dunking.

Drew Lavender's performance showed how badly Oklahoma struggled offensively. He scored 17 points in a first-round victory over Niagara, but was 1-for-6 for just three points Saturday.

Oklahoma took 29 more shots than the Utes, but made just 21 of 66. Utah hit 59 percent from the floor and 64 percent from the line.

The Utes relied on outside shooting in taking a 14-2 lead to start the game. They hit their first five shots, helped by consecutive three-pointers from Jackson, while Bogut hardly touched the ball. He had two points and eight rebounds at the break.

Oklahoma rallied within four while the Utes turned the ball over on four straight possessions. Utah steadied and went on a 10-5 run to close 30-21 at halftime.

Monarchs are a royal pain for Michigan State

The Associated Press

WORCESTER, Mass. — Tom Izzo learned back in his chair, his arms spread out, his lips pursed. The usually volatile Michigan State coach didn't like what he was seeing.

The fifth-seeded Spartans couldn't pull away until the final minutes, when Shannon Brown made a spinning layup to start a three-point play that helped Michigan State beat Old Dominion 89-81 on Friday night in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

"I was disappointed in the first half, at the energy they brought," said Izzo, whose team trailed by five at halftime. "I'm not used to teams playing harder than us, and I thought they did."

Michigan State (23-6) managed to avoid a second consecutive first-round exit and gave Izzo, whose NCAA winning percentage is second only to Mike Krzyzewski's, his 20th NCAA tournament win. The Spartans will face 13th-seeded Vermont on Sunday.

Old Dominion (28-6) dominated the Colonial Athletic Association, but couldn't add to the upsets in the Worcester pod. The Monarchs last advanced in the NCAAAs when they beat Villanova in triple overtime in the opening round of the 1995 tournament.

"Coming into the game, we knew we all belonged," Old Dominion guard Kiah Thomas said. "When I first got to ODU, we were always unsure whether we were going to win night in and night out. We really didn't know. Tonight every man, to a man, believed."

Brown scored 13 points, and Alan Anderson had 15 to lead five Spartans in double figures. Michigan State shot 57 percent (29-49) from the floor in the game despite making just three of 14 shots from three-point range.

Alex Loughton had 22 points, 11 rebounds and six assists for Old Dominion after playing much of the second half in foul trouble.

Drew Williamson, who did not have a turnover in 19 minutes in the CAA tournament, had three on Friday.

Michigan State took 74-68 lead before Valdis Valsytis hit a three-pointer with 4:31 left. Hunter hit two free throws to make it a 76-75 with 3:48 remaining before the teams traded misses. Brown got the ball under the basket, spun around and tossed it in,



Michigan State coach Tom Izzo yells instructions during the Spartans' 89-81 victory on Friday.

landing in a crouch and pumping his fists while the official whistled for a foul.

He hit the free throw to make it 79-75 with 2:50 left.

The Spartans extended it to six points before Loughton's basket with 1:09 left made it 81-77. With 54 seconds left, Paul Davis made a leaper in the lane just before the shot clock expired, giving the Spartans an 83-77 lead.

Michigan State went 6-for-6 from the line down the stretch.

Also on Friday: **Mississippi St. 93, Stanford 70:** In Charlotte, N.C., Winsome Frazier made six three-pointers and scored 20 points to lead the ninth-seeded Bulldogs (23-10) to a second-round matchup with Duke.

Mississippi State will try to atone from last year's collapse when it had the highest seed in school history at No. 2. Only to lose to Xavier in the second round. Lawrence Roberts, the 2004 SEC player of the year, led the Bulldogs with 23 points and 14 rebounds. But Frazier, who did not score more than 13 points in his past eight games, provided the spark to get past Stanford (18-13).

Frazier was seven of nine from the floor, including six of eight from three-point range. Shane Power added 14 points for Mississippi State, eliminated in the second round by Xavier last year as a No. 2 seed.

Chris Hernandez led Stanford with 17 points. Rob Little and Matt Harmsworth had 14 each and Fred Washington finished with 12.

The Bulldogs made four three-pointers in the final 5:08 of the first half, including three straight in a 17-4 run to close the half and take a 44-43 halftime lead.

NCAA Women's tournament

PHILADELPHIA REGIONAL

First Round

North Carolina State (21-7) vs. Middle Tennessee State (23-8)
Texas Tech (22-7) vs. Texas-Arlington (21-9)

Sunday, March 20

New Mexico (26-4) vs. Purdue (16-12)
Tennessee (26-4) vs. Western Carolina (13-10)
Temple (27-3) vs. Louisiana Tech (20-9)
Rutgers (24-5) vs. Hartford (22-8)
Ohio State (28-0) vs. Holy Cross (20-10)
Maryland (21-9) vs. Wisconsin-Green Bay (27-3)

Second Round

Monday, March 21

North Carolina State/Middle Tennessee State vs. Texas Tech/Texas-Arlington
Tennessee/Western Carolina vs. New Mexico/Purdue
Temple/Louisiana Tech vs. Rutgers/Hartford
Maryland/Wisconsin-Green Bay vs. Ohio State/Holy Cross

Semifinals

Sunday, March 27

North Carolina State/Middle Tennessee State vs. Texas Tech/Texas-Arlington
Tennessee/Western Carolina-New Mexico/Purdue
Temple/Louisiana Tech-Rutgers/Hartford
Maryland/Wisconsin-Green Bay-Ohio State/Holy Cross

Championship

Tuesday, March 29

CHATTANOOGA REGIONAL

First Round

Texas A&M Oral Roberts 47
Georgia Tech (19-10) vs. (19-11)
LSU (29-2) vs. Stetson (17-13)
DePaul (25-4) vs. Virginia Tech (17-14)
Penn State (19-10) vs. Liberty (24-8)
Duke (28-4) vs. Canisius (21-9)

Second Round

Monday, March 21

Georgia vs. Texas
Michigan State vs. Oklahoma/Arizona
DePaul vs. Tech vs. Penn State/Liberty
SC/Canisius
Stetson/Houston, March 26

North Carolina-Oklahoma/Arizona vs. DePaul/Virginia Tech-Penn State/Liberty
Georgia/Texas vs. Boston College/Houston-DePaul/Canisius

Monday, March 28

Championship

KANSAS CITY REGIONAL

First Round

Saturday, March 19
North Carolina 65, Louisville 49
Michigan State 73, Alcorn State 41
Iowa State 23-0 vs. Southern Illinois (21-9)
Stanford (29-2) vs. Santa Clara (17-13)
Santa Clara (23-7) vs. Bowling Green (22-8)
Vanderbilt (27-3) vs. Montana (22-7)

Sunday, March 20

Connecticut (23-7) vs. Portland (17-10)
Florida State (23-7) vs. Richmond (23-7)

Second Round

Monday, March 21

Michigan State vs. USC
Iowa State/Utah vs. Stanford/Santa Clara
Vanderbilt/Montana vs. Kansas State/Bowling Green

Tuesday, March 22

Florida State/Richmond vs. Connecticut/Dartmouth

Semifinals

Sunday, March 27

Michigan State/USC vs. Vanderbilt/Montana
North Carolina State/Rutgers vs. Santa Clara/Richmond-Connecticut/Dartmouth
Iowa State/Utah-Stanford/Santa Clara

Championship

Tuesday, March 29

TEMPLE REGIONAL

First Round

Saturday, March 19
Arizona State 87, Eastern Kentucky 65
Baylor 31, Illinois State 19
Virginia (20-10) vs. Old Dominion (21-9)
Minnesota (24-7) vs. St. Francis, Pa. (21-8)
Notre Dame (26-3) vs. Santa Barbara (21-8)
Texas Christian (23-9) vs. Oregon (20-9)

Sunday, March 20

North Carolina (19-10) vs. Coppin State (22-7)
Mississippi (19-10) vs. George Washington (22-8)

Second Round

Monday, March 21

Virginia/Old Dominion vs. Minnesota/St. Francis, Pa.
Arizona State vs. Notre Dame/USC Santa Barbara
Texas Christian/Oregon vs. Baylor

Tuesday, March 22

North Carolina/Coppin State vs. Mississippi/George Washington

Semifinals

Saturday, March 26

North Carolina/Coppin State-Mississippi/George Washington vs. Arizona State/Notre Dame/USC Santa Barbara
Virginia/Old Dominion-Minnesota/St. Francis, Pa. vs. Texas Christian/Oregon-Baylor

Spartans pull a near-in opener

The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Top seed Michigan State struggled Saturday with turnovers and tepid shooting early, then got going in the second half of a 71-43 victory over Alcorn State in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

While Michigan State (29-3) was never in danger of losing, it took a while for the Spartans to turn the game into the blowout that had been anticipated.

In its two previous NCAA tournament appearances, Alcorn State (21-9) had lost to No. 1 seeds by margins of 49 and 42 points. But the Lady Braves trailed just 30-17 at halftime.

Michigan State finally got into a flow and started the second half with a 16-3 run.

Michigan State extended its winning streak to 13 with its 17th victory in 18 games and will play eighth-seeded Southern Cal in the second round on Monday night.

Liz Shimek had 18 points on 8-for-13 shooting and 13 rebounds for the Spartans. Her frontcourt companion, Kelly Roehrig, added 12 points and eight rebounds.

Shikha Sims' 11 points led Alcorn State, which shot just 23.4 percent (15-for-64) and was outscored 62-29.

Also on Saturday, Baylor 91, Illinois State 70: At Seattle, No. 2 seed Baylor scored the first 17 points and coasted past eighth-seeded Illinois State. Baylor's inside duo of Stefanie Blackmon and Sophia Young combined for 25 first-half points, and the Lady Bears' pressure defense frustrated the free-shooting Redbirds. Illinois State (13-18) missed its first eight shots and made just nine of 29 attempts in the first half as Baylor (28-3) built a 20-point halftime lead.

Young finished with 21 points. Arizona State 87, Eastern Kentucky 65: At Fresno, Calif., Emily Westerberg scored 14 of her 20 points in the first half to



Liz Shimek (right), pulling down a rebound over Alcorn State player Candace Roberts, led Michigan State with 18 points on Saturday.

help Arizona State advance to the second round for the second time in four years.

Kristen Kovcsedy added 18 points for the fifth-seeded Sun Devils (22-9), who lost three-time defending NCAA champion Connecticut in December.

Miranda Eckler had 22 points and five rebounds for No. 12 seed Eastern Kentucky (23-8), which trailed by 21 in the first half.

Texas 64, Oral Roberts 47: At Dallas, Nina Norman played despite a broken pinkie and scored 20 points — 12.5 more than her season average — on 7-for-11 shooting with five assists.

The Longhorns (22-8) won for the 13th time in 15 games. No. 14 seed Oral Roberts (22-9) played only its third NCAA tournament game, all losses.

Georgia 75, Rice 49: Cori Chambers scored 19 points, including six in a decisive 16-0 first-half run, to lead four Georgia players in double figures.

Georgia will face Texas in the second round.

Lauren Neaves had 13 points and 12 rebounds for the Western Athletic Conference champion Lady Owls (24-9), who had won 12 straight games.

Southern Cal 65, Louisville 49: At Minneapolis, the ninth-seeded Women of Troy showed off their balance, depth and quickness in their first NCAA tournament game in eight years.

Chloe Kerr scored 14 points for USC (20-10), which reached 20 wins for the first time since 1997. The Cardinals (22-9) were out-rebounded 45-32 and shot 35.8 percent (19-for-53) from the floor.

Final Four, but we knew we could win this game if we played the way we did."

Nila finished with a career-high 20 points. Sorrentine had 17, and Taylor Coppentrath added 16 for Vermont. The Catamounts will face fifth-seeded Michigan State in the second round Sunday. The Spartans beat Old Dominion 89-81.

Fourth-seeded Syracuse (27-7) hoped to make the Final Four for the second time in three years.

"It's going to keep getting better and better," Vermont coach Martin Klimes said. "We did the first step. We're going to get some rest right now and prepare for the next game. It's not over."

Bucknell: Kansas gets more than just scare this time

BUCKNELL, FROM BACK PAGE

"Certainly it's the biggest win we've ever had," said coach Pat Flannery, a 1980 Bucknell grad. "Our kids battled their big kids all night long. Our kids made me proud for everything they got."

The Jayhawks (23-7) had reached the second round every year since 1984 and in their last 21 tries. Although they had scares along the way, including one by Utah State in Oklahoma City two years ago, this was their first opening-round exit since being eliminated by UCLA in 1978.

"I think everybody's kind of in a moment of shock," said coach Bill Self, in just his second season at Kansas. "These seniors have looked to this moment for a long time. To have it end so abruptly of course is devastating to those guys. I really don't have any words to try to comfort them right now."



Bucknell center Chris McNaughton releases the game-winning shot over Kansas forward Wayne Simien on Friday night.

Kansas seemed vulnerable because it had lost five of its last eight and No. 2 scorer Keith Langford was slowed by a lingering flu problem and a creaky left ankle. However, the Jayhawks weren't too concerned because four of those recent losses were to teams that won first-round NCAA games.

Bucknell opened its scoring with a four-point play by Betten-court and led by seven midway through the first half. Kansas closed the half with a 10-0 run to take the lead, but with Simien the only consistent threat (24 points, 10 rebounds), the Jayhawks were unable to take control. They didn't even make a field goal the last 8:44.

Still, Kansas had a chance to win in the final minute, when Langford hit two 3-pointers with 25.4 seconds left for a 63-62 lead.

Opting not to call a timeout, Bucknell went straight up in the court and fed McNaughton in the lane. He threw a shot over Simien that accounted for the game's ninth and final lead change.

"It came off the backboard and rimmed in somehow — I don't even know how, but I don't care," said McNaughton, who was 6-for-10 from the field.

Langford had another attempt, but missed short. Bucknell's John Griffin got the rebound and was fouled, but missed the front end of a one-and-one and Simien grabbed it with 2.4 seconds left.

After a timeout, Kansas tried the Grant Hill-to-Christian Laettner play Duke used to beat Kentucky in the 1992 NCAAAs. Michael Lee's heave to Simien perked up and he spun it around the basket. But he shot hit the rim and bounced away.

"It went over my right shoulder, which is a very comfortable move for me," Simien said.

"It felt good on the release, but I didn't hit it."

Bucknell knew it could hang with the big boys after winning at Pittsburgh when the Panthers were undefeated and ranked No. 7. The Bison also beat NCAA team Niagara and won at St. Joseph's.

Vermont played a deliberate game, slowing the pace and never allowing the Orange to make a run. McNaughton struggled to find open looks and the Catamounts dominated the glass early.

The game was tied 11 times and there were eight lead changes. Warwick struggled to find space in the lane. He didn't score in the second half until he tipped in his own miss to tie the game at 45 with 3:48 remaining.

With 1:06 left to give, Sorrentine hit a three-pointer from about 25 feet to give Vermont a 59-55 lead. After Klimes made one of two free throws for a 60-57 lead with 13 seconds left, McNaughton took a wild three-point shot and missed, ending any chance for the Orange.

SPORTS



Nelson resigns as coach of Mavericks,
turns team over to assistant Johnson,
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Bracket busters

Vermont
pulls off
OT win vs.
Syracuse

BY JOHN KEKIS
The Associated Press

WORCESTER, Mass. — Tom Brennan would have retired a happy man regardless. But his 26th victory at Vermont made his impending departure a whole lot sweeter.

The wildly popular coach cried openly Friday night after his 13th-seeded Catamounts earned their biggest victory in school history. Germain Mopa Njila and T.J. Sorrentine hit consecutive three-pointers in a 48-second span of overtime, and Vermont upset Big East champion Syracuse 60-57 in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

"When that went in, I thought I might burst," Brennan said of Sorrentine's long three from the top of the key. "I thought you might find me in pieces around the arena because there's no drug, nothing in the world that is that feeling. There's nothing that can make you feel like that except competition and going through a lot of your guys, especially ones you love."

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Vermont players celebrate after their 60-57 overtime victory over Syracuse in the first round of the NCAA tournament Friday night in Worcester, Mass. It was Vermont's first victory in the tournament in three tries.



12-time All-Star
Alomar announces
retirement

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Korea-based
teams sweep titles
in Guam's March
Madness tourney

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Bucknell beats Kansas
when Simien misses

BY JAIME ARON
The Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — The Kansas Jayhawks flirted with first-round elimination several times in the last 15 NCAA tournaments, but always avoided it. They weren't able to Friday night against a No. 14 seed with zero NCAA tournament victories in its 110-year history, five scholarship players and a borrowed band.

That would be the Bucknell Bison, who beat the third-seeded Jayhawks 64-63 and shook up the Syracuse Regional when Chris McNaughton banked in a hook shot over Wayne Simien with 10.5 seconds left, and Simien missed an open 15-foot jumper at the buzzer.

"Unbelievable," said guard

Kevin Bettencourt, who led Bucknell with 19 points, including five three-pointers.

As crushing as the loss is for preseason No. 1 Kansas, it's even more stunning for the winners. They've been playing since 1896, the first season of Division I play, and were 0-60-2 in the NCAA, losing their previous tries by 22 and 23 points in the late 1980s.

No team from their conference, the Patriot League, had ever won an NCAA tournament game in 13 tries.

Bucknell (23-9) is the first No. 14 seed to win since Weber State beat North Carolina in 1999. The Bison will try doing it again Sunday against sixth-seeded Wisconsin (23-8), which beat Northern Iowa 57-52 earlier Friday.

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Bucknell's Donald Brown celebrates the Bison's 64-63 victory over Kansas in the first round of the NCAA tournament in Oklahoma City on Friday. Bucknell became the first Patriot League team to win in the tournament.



Texas Tech,
Washington
march to Sweet 16

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Utah topples
Oklahoma; Duke,
Michigan St. win

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Atlantic-leading
Celtics win
sixth straight

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